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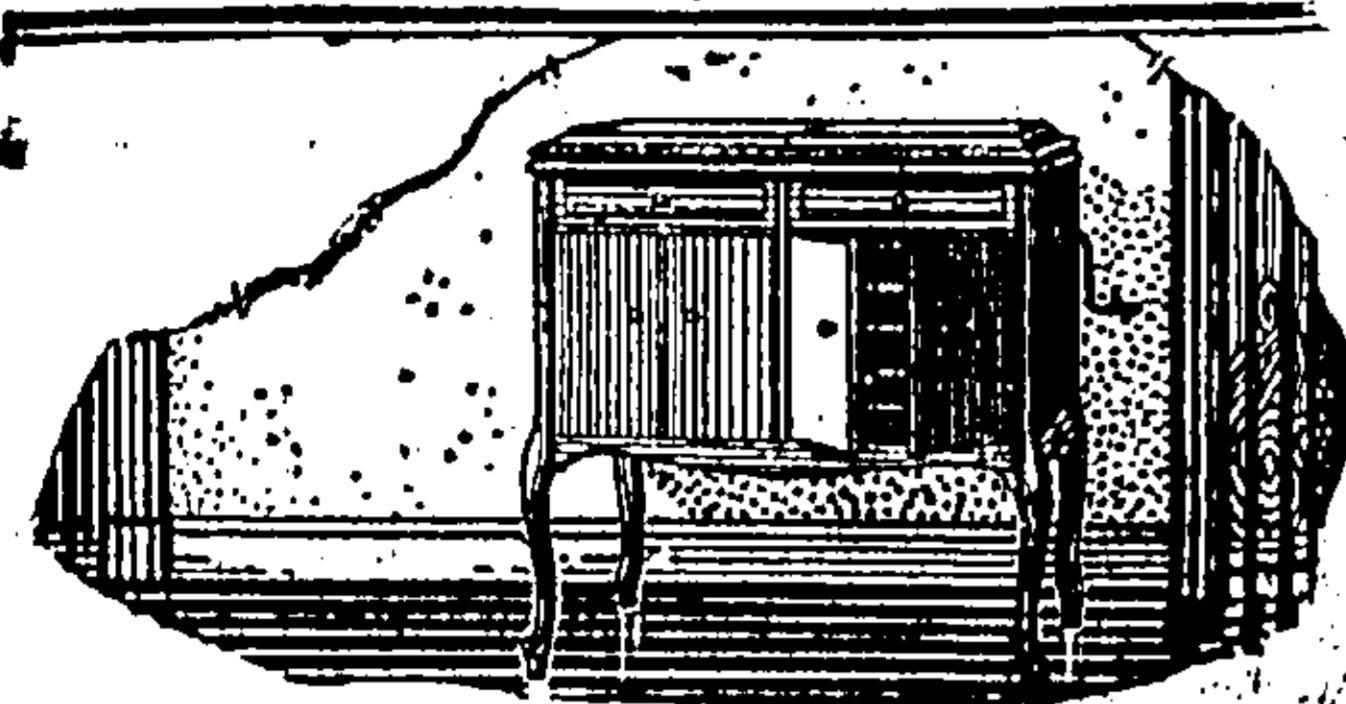
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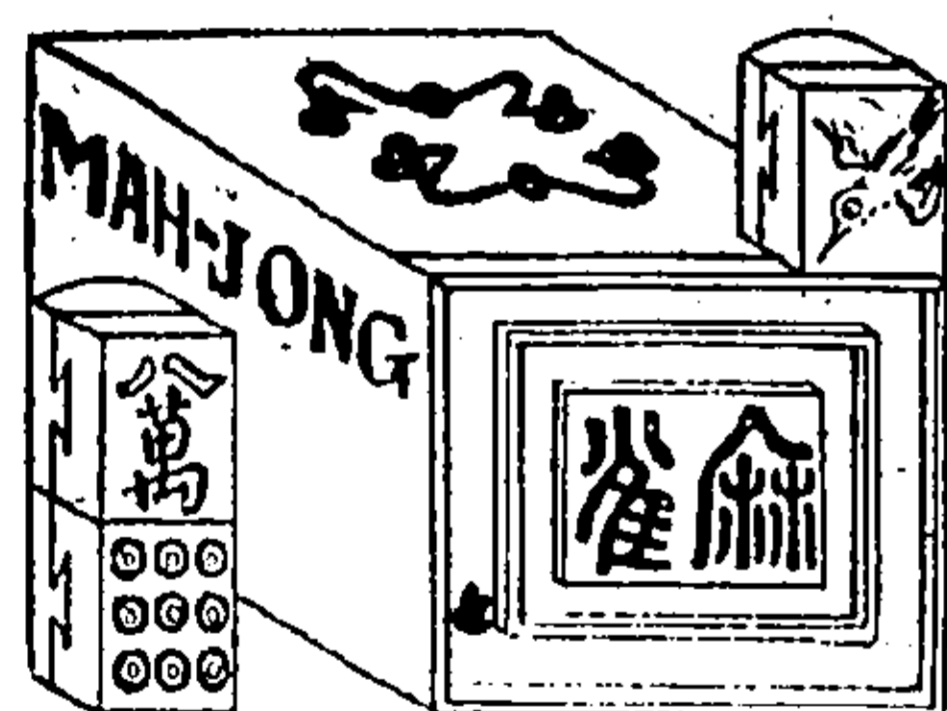
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"WHAT WE HAVE WE'LL HOLD."

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

PARIS, September 15.—M. Poincaré in a speech at Dun-sur-Meuse said some persons now regarded the decisions at Versailles as a dead letter and blamed France for insisting on their execution. There could be no security in international relations if treaties concluded could be disowned. The Treaty of Versailles entrusted the task of fixing the German debt and the conditions of its payment to the Reparations Commission whose powers Germany expressly recognised. If there was an idea of divesting the Commission of this task it was undoubtedly because the commission was considered little favourable to the new concessions which France would not countenance as contrary to the promises made to France "we hold guarantees and we shall keep them until we have received satisfaction."

### AEROPLANE'S SUSPICIOUS CARGO.

BRUSSELS, September 15.

A German aeroplane transporting postal packets between Germany and England was forced to land at Knocke owing to engine trouble. According to the *Nation* the packets contained 5,500 milliard marks which it is believed, were to be employed to maintain passive resistance in the Ruhr. The three German occupants of the aeroplane declared they were acting in good faith and believed the packets contained ordinary postal mails and newspapers. An inquiry has been opened.

### BELGIUM'S POUND OF FLESH.

COLOGNE, September 16.

Following the non-fulfilment of the Belgian authorities' demand for 500 milliards of marks from each branch of the Reichsbank in the Aix-La-Chapelle district to provide for the current expenses of the Belgian army of occupation the Belgians seized the branches and confiscated a total of 263,709,000,000.

### HONGKONG WEDDING.

PEOPLES-SIMPSON.

At the Union Church on Saturday the marriage took place of Mr. David Peoples, of Taikoo Dockyard, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Peoples of Clydebank, Scotland, to Miss Jessie Bell Simpson, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Simpson, of Quarry Bay.

The bride, whom her father gave away and who was attended by her three sisters, the Misses Ina, Elsie and Lily Simpson, as bridesmaids, wore a charming costume of white figured crepe de chine draped with lace and orange blossom, and a long, tulle veil. She carried a bouquet of white roses. The bridesmaids' dresses were of pale blue crepe de chine, trimmed with forget-me-nots, and they wore hats to match and carried baskets of pink roses. The bride's mother chose a dress of silver grey figured silk and georgette and carried a bouquet of tea roses. The bridegroom was supported by Mr. James Spiers as best man. A large number of friends and relatives of the bridegroom and bride's family attended the ceremony in the church which was conducted by the Rev. J. R. Well.

Following the church service a reception was held at the Hongkong Hotel at which good wishes and congratulations were showered on the bride and bridegroom. The happy couple will spend their honeymoon in Shanghai, the bride's going away dress being of white georgette finished with a peacock blue georgette hat.

### THE PRESENTS.

Numerous presents were received by the bride, the following being amongst them:  
Father and mother, a cheque; Mr. and Mrs. Russell, silver cake stand; Miss Helen Russell, silver tea strainer; Mr. Cornley, fish knives and forks; Mr. and Mrs. Sera, tea knives and forks; Mr. and Mrs. Duncan, a case of silver coffee spoons; Mr. Lisaman, silver butter dish; Mr. Finch, silver jam holder; Mr. and Mrs. Bird, blackwood fire screen; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Nelson, silver entrée service; Mr. and Mrs. Grimshaw, silver powder box; Mr. W. Robertson, silver cake stand; Mr. and Mrs. Summers, silver sweet dish; Mr. and Mrs. Gray, blackwood reading lamp; Mr. and Mrs. Hansen, blackwood opium stool, vase and stand; Mr. and Mrs. Wallace, silk picture; Miss Wallace, case of silver coffee spoons; Mr. Smith, a cheque; Mr. and Mrs. Drummond, picture; Mr. and Mrs. Whyte, silver photo frame; Mr. and Mrs. G. McLeod, cut glass salad bowl and servers; John and Rhoda McLeod, silver sweet dish; Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, silver entrée service; Mr. and Mrs. Reid, blackwood tea set; Mr. and Mrs. J. McLeod, silver vases; From sisters Ina, embroidered linen tea cloth, Elsie and Lily, tea napkins; Mr. and Mrs. J. Morrison, silver cake knives and forks; Alex. and Ina Morrison, silver sugar and cream service;

### ACROSS ATLANTIC ALONE.

ADVENTUROUS VOYAGE IN SAILING BOAT.

FRENCH TENNIS STAR'S ACHIEVEMENT.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

NEW YORK, September 18.

Allan Gerbault, the French international tennis player, has completed a trans-Atlantic voyage alone from France in a thirty-foot ten-ton sailing boat after 142 days at sea. The boat was built by Kemp, the designer of King George's private yacht. During the voyage Gerbault encountered three hurricanes which wrecked his steering gear. He replenished his depleted water supply by collecting rain. He met liners in mid-Atlantic from which he secured provisions.

### INTER-ARMY POLO.

BRITAIN BEATS AMERICA.

NEW YORK, September 16.

The scoring in the Inter-Army polo match in which the British Army beat the United States Army by 12 goals to 10, revenging the British defeat of 12 goals to 9, was as follows:—England; Lieut.-Colonel Belville (4), Lieutenant McCreary (1), Major Humdall (4), Major Atkinson (3); United States: Major A. N. Wilson (5), Major J. K. Horr (2), Lieut.-Colonel Lewis Brown (3), Major Beard (6).

The British players galloped away from the Americans at the beginning and retained the advantage. Their ponies now appear to be more accustomed to the change of climate.

### MODEST DOUGLAS.

SETS GOOD EXAMPLE IN "ROBIN HOOD."

We wonder if Mr. Douglas Fairbanks will mind very much if we say that "Robin Hood," his latest picture, would be an excellent production even without the athletic star actor. Such a statement, we are aware, is absolute treason, but we hasten to add that there is not the slightest wish to disparage Douglas's work in this film. He is as joyous and amusing as ever.

But, after a private view of "Robin Hood," one left with the impression of a good, strong story, picturesque scenes, and a pleasing levelling of historical fact. It is not an easy matter to produce a story of Twelfth Century England and in America, too—but the picture is done so well that experts in medieval history have been loud in their praises of the striking scenes depicted. Ordinary people, too, who do not profess to be "up" in such matters, will like the impressive representation of Old England, with its tournaments, noble castles, fair women, and Robin Hood's merry band in the forest.

Richard Coeur de Lion, and his Crusaders figure prominently in the story, and all the other legendary heroes are there. Friar Tuck, and Will Scarlet are good old names that occur to one—and there is a familiar ring in the different titles—Nottingham Market Place and Sherwood Forest, for instance. The plot deals mainly with John's efforts to overthrow his kindly brother—and winds up with Richard's dramatic return, disguised, from the Crusades.

Douglas Fairbanks is "Robin Hood," of course, and does splendidly. But with a rare and commendable modesty he has not over-dominated the production, with the result that "Robin Hood" will stand the test of criticism on the strength of its dramatic merit alone. It is a first class historical drama, set in pleasantly familiar surroundings, with Mr. Fairbanks at his best as the merry outlaw. Hongkong residents are sure to like the picture, which is to be shown here shortly.

After seven years on the stocks, definite orders have been issued by the Admiralty for the light cruiser "Frobisher" to be completed at Devonport Dockyard by the last day of this year. The "Frobisher" comes pretty well within the limits of cruisers laid down by the Washington Pact—10,000 tons displacement and armament not to exceed 4-in. guns in calibre. The "Frobisher" when completed, will displace 9,750 tons, and she will carry seven 7.5-in. guns mounted on the centre line. She is the third of her class, the others being the "Hawkins," flagship of the China Station, and the "Raleigh," flagship of the North America and West Indies, now lying a wreck off the coast of Labrador.

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Comprising:— Dressing room suite (Chesterfield couch and chairs, ink tapestry chairs, oak round and card tables, ink screens, beautiful Japanese carved and lacquered curio cabinet, Japanese porcelain vases, large Chinese bronze ornaments, cut glass chandeliers, cut glass decanters and glass punch bowl, cut glass decanters and glass decanters, oil paintings, large carpets, silk rug, Chinese cushions, large Chinese Carols, wall plates etc., etc.

Bedrooms, ink wardrobes with bevelled mirrors, ink dressing tables with bevelled mirrors, marble top washstands, toilet sets, table chairs, etc., etc. New counterpane, linen sheets, pillow cases, hand and foot towels. A large quantity of blackwood ware. One baby grand piano by John Broadwood & Sons.

Also:— One full size billiard table by Hanning Bros. London with "Eureka" improved cushion by Burroughs & Watts London (which recently changed to Lane Crawford, Ltd.)

And:— Large quantities of palms, ferns, plants and porcelain flower stands. Catalogues will be issued. On View from Monday, 17th September 1923.

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Hongkong, 11th September, 1923.

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The Stradivarius Varnish.

That the secret of the varnish employed by Stradivarius has been discovered is not surprising, for, like the story of the sea-serpent, the secrets of Stradivarius are dishied up for public use at regular intervals, and it is some time now since the last discoverer told of his find. It was then claimed that his fiddle, no matter how decrepit or what its organic defects, after being dipped into new varnish would be a paragon of beauty, possessing all the qualities of the violins of the old makers. Unfortunately time has failed to substantiate the claim of this as of previous discoveries. It may be, however, that this time the secret has really been revealed, but it must be remembered that although there are many who firmly believe that the virtue of a Stradivarius is in the varnish, other experts are equally convinced that a Stradivarius violin would sound as sweet with any other varnish. However this may be, even if we suppose that the old secret has been found, it yet remains to be proved that the varnish makes the fiddle. The best of comparatively modern violins are those made by Vuillaume, of Paris, and their varnish is certainly not that of Stradivarius.

Snake Superstitions.

In the West of England, should a cow come in from pasture with a swollen leg or udder and it is supposed that she has been bitten by a viper, the milk is set aside for the night. If the injury has really been caused by a snake, then, when the cream rises, you will see in it the shape of the snake, perfect scales and all complete. There is a small snake common in Florida and other Southern States known as the "spreading adder," which has the cobra-like habit of dilating or spreading its head when angry. The Negroes and the "crackers," or poor whites, firmly believe that to this snake human saliva is even more fatal than the adder's own poison is to a human being. Another peculiar creature is the fire snake of Mexico. This serpent not only possesses the properties of the famous salamander, but is actually supposed to be able to set fire to dry herbage. A belief which has per-

haps better grounds than most of those mentioned is that some snakes will follow the person who has killed their mate and wreak vengeance by biting them. The Indian cobra has this reputation, and so has the large anaconda of the Brazilian swamps. For this reason the Indians refuse to kill the swamp anaconda.

Workhouse Girl's Achievement.

At a meeting of the Birmingham Board of Guardians, Mr. R. White stated that a girl formerly in their care had gained a Bachelor of Arts degree at Birmingham University.

Her name was not disclosed so that her connection with the institution might not prejudice her future, but it was stated that she is about 20. She was boarded out in Warwickshire and showed such promise during her school days that a teacher recommended that she should be given a chance to go to a university. This was agreed to.

She showed special aptitude for languages, and will take a position as teacher in a council secondary school.

What is Truth?

From time to time newspaper cuttings from American papers, giving views on the Prohibition question, come into my hands, together with letters requesting that comment should be made upon them as being the true index to the prevailing conditions under Prohibition, says a *Weekly Scotsman* writer. Generally one batch of cuttings flatly opposes the views given in another, and as space is of some consideration, an attempt to give the view on both sides, leaving readers to draw their own conclusions, would be futile. The latest batch, which I am assured is unbiased and from reliable newspapers, is strongly in favour of Prohibition, but when I read that the statements and figures are those of a Prohibition advocate, and the newspaper comments are based on the same figures and statements, I am naturally a little sceptical. Nor am I disposed to accept unreservedly the conclusions of a Dutch delegation that "Prohibition is a success and a fixture in the United States," when I find that one delegate is president and the other a member of the Executive of the Society for the Abolition of Alcoholic Drinks. People so often see just what they wish to see that it seems impossible to get at the truth.

Pierre Loti's Cats.

Pierre Loti, whose death recently is so deeply deplored, adored cats, the *New York World* tells us. For many years he was president of a society of cat-lovers known as "La Fille de Velours" ("The Velvet Girl"). In the story he wrote "for my son Samuel when he has learned to read," Loti describes how he once saw the soul of a cat reveal itself suddenly for a moment, and as a human soul and searching for my soul with pleading tenderness. In his "Le Livre de la Pitié et de la Mort," there is a terrible picture of a cat dying of mange. It must have felt in its awful plight the worst of all sufferings of a cat—that of not being able to make its toilet, to lick its fur, and to groom itself upon this operation. A cat which formed part of the Loti household ten years had her own visiting cards, inscribed "Mlle. Moutonnette." Charles Pierre Baudelaire, poet, who so greatly admired Edgar Allan Poe, was even more fantastic in his love of cats than Pierre Loti. Not one particular cat, but all cats claimed Baudelaire's affection, and he would not pass even a stray tabby on the street without bestowing a caress. On entering a house, his first anxiety was to become acquainted with the household cat; often he would sit fondling it and talking to it, indifferent to the mere humans who were present. This, Baudelaire's critics said, was merely a pose. But his friend, Champfleury, who wrote a book on the cat, tells how the poet used to take his walks past a certain laundry where dwelt a particularly fine cat—and thereby unconsciously touched the hearts of the coquettish laundresses, who thought he was flirting with them.

Falling Off Trains.

The rapid trains rush people past any number of places quite as bracing as the sea and much more beautiful. Somebody ought to write a Romance of the Brighton Express, about a clerk going with his family from London to Brighton, who accidentally fell out of train, and found himself recovering consciousness in an Earthly Paradise that is called England. I am not sure that this great work should not be a matter of collaboration between many authors. Mr. Pett Ridge or Mr. Barry Pala would describe admirably the consternation of the family in face of the great announcement—"Father has fallen off the train." Mr. Rudyard Kipling could be trusted to write a few snappy pages about what had gone wrong with the engine. Mr. Belloc would have to describe the great awakening in a valley of the Downs but he should have the right to co-opt assistance in the matter of extras: as of Mr. Hardy about rustics or Mr. Yeats about fairies. Then it would fall to Mr. Wells to describe the general change in social habit dating from the incident. On the next train journey, by a curious coincidence, two or three fathers would accidentally fall off trains. Families would have to be fiercely vigilant in holding fast to fathers, and hanging on to their coat-tails, lest they should fall off trains. But soon the migration would become avowed and universal; families would move together, as on a patriarchal trek, not leaving the tiniest infant behind; and in time it might even be discovered that it is possible to find one's way to some of the most beautiful scenes in Western Europe without falling off a train in order to do so.—G. K. Chesterton in the *London Magazine*.

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## INTIMATIONS.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.  
NOTICE.

**AN INTERIM DIVIDEND** of Fifty cents (50 cents) per share has been declared for the half year ending 30th June, 1923.

Such Interim Dividend will be payable on and after TUESDAY, the 18th September at the office of the Company, where shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be closed from the 7th September, 1923 until the 18th September, 1923 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.  
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 29th August, 1923.

## THE SANDAKAN LIGHT &amp; POWER CO., (1922) LTD.

**THE FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING** of Shareholders will be held at the office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 18th September, 1923, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ended 30th April, 1923, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 11th September, 1923, until TUESDAY, the 18th September, 1923, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 6th September, 1923.

## DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

**THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING** of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, 20, Des Voeux Road Central on TUESDAY, the 2nd of October, 1923, at 11 A.M.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 22nd of September to 2nd of October both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & CO.,  
General Managers,  
Hongkong, 13th September, 1923.

## HONGKONG CLUB.

## NOTICE.

**THE THIRD YEARLY DRAWING** of Twenty Debentures of the HONGKONG CLUB (1920 issue—\$500 each) was held in the Club House on SATURDAY, the 8th September, 1923, when the following Debentures were drawn for redemption:

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144	218	408	568
170	238	454	583
194	282	483	756
198	288	491	855

and will be payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on SATURDAY, the 29th September, 1923, in exchange for surrender of same.

By Order,  
A. H. ABBAS,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 8th September, 1923.

## NOTICE.

MR F. M. WELLER has returned and will resume the management of this Company as from the 17th inst.

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## INTIMATIONS.

JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE  
DISASTER: HONGKONG  
RELIEF FUND.

## NOTICE.

SUPPLIES OF SECOND HAND CLOTHING.

A SPECIAL COMMITTEE of Local Ladies under the presidency of Mrs. E. D. C. WOLF has been formed for the purpose of receiving and handing over to the Relief Committee for despatch to the devastated areas in Japan parcels of second-hand European clothing of all descriptions for adults and children.

The Committee will be in attendance at the City Hall daily from Monday, 17th inst. to Saturday, 22nd inst., between 11 a.m. and 12 Noon.

Parcels sent by messengers should be addressed to the Japanese Earthquake Disaster Hongkong Relief Committee.

By Order,  
D. K. BLAIR,  
Secretary,  
HONGKONG RELIEF COMMITTEE.  
Hongkong, 12th September, 1923.

JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE  
DISASTER.

## HONGKONG RELIEF FUND.

## NOTICE.

SUBSCRIPTIONS LISTS for the above Fund are open at the following places:

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.  
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.  
Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China.  
Mercantile Bank of India.  
International Banking Corporation.  
Netherlands Trading Society.  
Yokohama Specie Bank.  
Hongkong Club.

Cheques should be made out to the Order of the Japanese Earthquake Disaster Hongkong Relief Fund.

By Order,  
D. K. BLAIR,  
Secretary,  
HONGKONG RELIEF COMMITTEE.  
Hongkong, 10th September, 1923.

## RATTAN GOODS.

THE two undermentioned guilds beg to announce that the prices hitherto charged have remained the same for years. Owing to the increased cost of living all manufacturers, stores and workmen are reluctantly compelled to raise their prices. At a meeting of employers and employees it was unanimously agreed that prices of goods be increased by ten per cent, and that workmen's wages be raised by seventeen per cent. This was ratified by the delegates appointed to the meeting.

THE WING HING TONG  
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Hongkong, August 28, 1923.



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## MAIL WEEK NEWS.

## ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

"Oliver Cromwell," Mr. John Drinkwater's new play, was produced at His Majesty's Theatre.

In Committee on the bill an amendment that the indemnification should cover criminal proceedings only was rejected to 227 to 147.

We regret to record the death, which has occurred of Viscount Chaplin, one of the outstanding figures in the past century both in politics and sport, and a leading authority on agriculture and horse-breeding. Lord Chaplin was in his 88th year.

Herr Stinnes (said a Reuter message from Budapest) is reported to have purchased the bulk of the exportable surplus of this year's potato crop in Hungary. Six hundred wagon-loads of the quantity is said to be destined for export to Russia through the Russo-German Commercial Syndicate, of which Herr Stinnes was the founder.

Mr. Borden failed to introduce a bill to free members of trade unions from any obligation to subscribe to levies raised for the purpose of providing salaries for members of Parliament, but the proposal, strongly resented by the Labour members, was rejected by 174 to 188.

"I have not enjoyed anything more in connection with my visit to Sheffield than your singing and dancing, and I want to thank you for it very much," said the Prince of Wales after listening and watching a group of some 3,000 children. Unobserved, his Royal Highness had left the official party and strolled away on his own.

Viscount Novar's Bill—the "Reorganisation of Offices (Scotland) Bill"—which was introduced in the House of Lords, and read a first time; will give a more appropriate status to the representative of the Scottish Office in the House of Commons by abolishing the office of the Parliamentary Under Secretary for Health and substituting that of Parliamentary Under Secretary for Scotland.

When the International Conference on Day Nursery Work was opened at Carnegie House, a message was read from the Queen expressing her sympathy with the movement and her hope that the meeting would have every success.

A serious accident occurred to Lady Godley, wife of Sir A. Godley, commanding the British Rhine Army, says a Reuter message from Cologne. It is stated that she tripped and fell down a flight of stairs, breaking her thigh. The extent of the injury is not definitely known, as so far the limb has not been X-rayed. Four doctors are in attendance.

The young Earl of Carnarvon made his first appearance in public life in Manchester, when he opened a new bacon factory in Triford Park, of which his father was one of the largest shareholders. Speaking at a luncheon after a tour of the ship canal and warehouses, the Earl said the aim of all should be to make the country self-supporting in food supplies.

To an American seaman who complained that the captain of a German ship would not pay him, Mr. Cairns, the Thames Police Court Magistrate, said:—"I would go to the captain's quarters and put my hands on anything valuable. If he wishes to charge you he must stay to press the charge. Mr. Cairns' advice may be wrong, but it is commonsense."

A Moscow Reuter message says that the Government of Azerbaijan has decided to build at Baku a gigantic monument of vengeance directed against Britain for having executed 26 Communists during the occupation of the town. Prominent architects have been instructed to erect a great mausoleum in the principal square of Baku, together with a revolutionary museum and a propaganda reading room.

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For having sold beef and mutton, said to consist of one-third and part beef, one-third mutton, and the rest sugar and water, David Gouldman, described as the proprietor of the Leblond Standard Wine Company, Salford, was fined £60 and £10 costs.

Turkish troops have, it is stated, been landed, in flagrant violation of the Mudania Convention, at or near the Isthmus of Bulair, which joins the Gallipoli peninsula to the Thracian mainland. The Maritza railway bridge, which connects Eastern and Western Thrace has been mined by the Turks.

Speaking at the conference of the Institute of Public Administration at Cambridge, Lord Haldane said that the death of good teachers had nothing to do with the question of money. We had not, in the higher sense, made the teaching profession attractive enough.

In fulfilment of the pledge given by the Government, Sir D. Hogg moved that it be an instruction to the Committee on the Indemnity Bill to make provision for the assessment of compensation to deportees deprived of the right of action for damages by the measure.

Of 80,000 samples of liquor seized by the Prohibition division in all parts of the country, only 1 per cent was genuine (says a Morning Post message from Washington). The rest ranged from mild to virulent poison, but it is what the great bulk of the American people are now drinking under the beneficent effects of Prohibition.

(Great activity in prospecting for gold and staking of claims has prevailed for the last eight or ten months in the north-western part of the Province of Quebec adjoining Rouyn, Boischat, Daseart, Dufrenoy, and Dufay, there are at present in the vicinity 70,000 acres staked out in mining claims.

Lieut.-Colonel Guinness, in a written reply to Mr. Pennefather, states that the percentage of the Regular British military forces in Great Britain (including the Army of the Rhine) to the civilian population is 23. The comparative figures for other countries are: France, 1.24; Belgium, 1.6; Poland, 1.1; Russia, 0.62; Japan, 0.4; Roumania, 0.75; Yugoslavia, 0.9; and Czechoslovakia, 1.11.

## MARKET PRODUCE IN HONGKONG.

## APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

## Butcher Meat.

	September 6, 1923.	1918.	1914.
Beef, Shloft.—Mol Long Pa .. lb.	30	24	12
" Prime Cut .. .. .	30	24	12
" Corned.—Ham Ngan Yek ..	23	20	10
" Roast.—Shin .. .. .	30	24	12
" Roast.—Dress Ngan Nam ..	24	20	10
" Soup.—Tong Yuk .. .. .	26	20	10
" Soup.—Ngan Yek Pa .. ..	30	24	12
" Steak.—Shloft.—Ngan Lau ..	35	30	15
" Sausages.—Ngan Cheung ..	30	26	10
Salisbury Steak.—Ngan No per lb.	12	10	5
Tongue, fresh.—Ngan Li each 67	60	60	60
Tongue, corned.—Ham Ngan Li each .. cent.	60	—	—
Head.—Ngan Tau .. each 1.00	1.00	1.20	—
Heart.—Ngan Sam .. lb.	16	14	7
Hump, Salt.—Ngan Kiu ..	26	20	10
Feet.—Ngan Yek .. each 12	10	12	—
Kidneys.—Ngan Yiu ..	12	10	5
—Ngan Mei ..	22	20	10
Liver.—Ngan Kiu .. lb.	16	14	7
Tips (undressed), Ngan To lb. 8	6	6	6
Calves' Head and Feet.—Ngan Tsai.	—	—	—
Tau-kouk .. .. .	1.00	1.00	—
Mutton Chop.—Yeung Pui Kwai lb.	40	26	12
" Leg.—Yeung Pui ..	40	26	12
" Shoulder.—Yeung Shan ..	56	24	12
" Saddle.—Yeung On Yek ..	40	16	—
Pig's Chubbings.—Chu Chong ..	36	25	12
Brisket.—Chu No .. per lb. 3	3	22	12
Feet.—Chu Kiu .. lb.	16	15	—
" Fry.—Chu Chai ..	37	18	10
" Head.—Chu Tai ..	24	20	10
" Heart.—Chu Kiu .. each 12	10	10	—
" Kidneys.—Chu Yiu .. each 12	10	8	—
" Liver.—Chu Kiu .. lb.	40	30	14
" Chop.—Chu Pui Kwai ..	38	25	13
" Leg.—Chu Pui ..	38	28	17
" Loins.—Chu Hui Tai ..	18	—	—
" Fat or Lard.—Chu Yau ..	22	21	—
Sheep's Head and Feet.—Yeung	—	—	—
Tau-kouk .. .. .	75	60	70
Heart.—Yeung Sam .. each 10	9	7	—
Kidneys.—Yeung Yiu each 15	12	10	—
Liver.—Yeung Kiu .. lb.	40	30	14
Smoking Figs, to order.—Chu Tai ..	45	35	22
Suet, Beef.—Shang Ngan Yau ..	30	20	10
" Mutton.—Shang Ngan Yau ..	40	30	14
Veal.—Ngan Tai Yek ..	24	20	10
Sausages.—Ngan Tai Cheung ..	28	20	10

## Fish.

Barbel.—Ka Yu .. .. lb.	60	18	24
Bream.—Pin Yu .. ..	41	20	16
Catfish Fresh Water Fish.—	—	—	—
Head Shu Yu ..	53	18	16
Carr.—Li Yu .. ..	48	16	27
Catfish.—Onik Yu .. ..	45	12	9
Oodfish.—Mau Yu .. ..	60	20	25
Orabi.—Hui .. ..	45	22	20
Ontario Fish.—Mau Yu ..	38	16	2
Dah.—Sha Mang Yu .. ..	75	22	15
Dece.—Wong Mai Kap ..	14	10	9
Dog Fish.—Tsi To Shu ..	18	10	8
Tela, Gonger.—Hoi Mau ..	55	16	16
" Fresh water.—Tsun Hui Yu	50	20	18
" Yellow.—Wong Shu ..	45	28	30
Frog.—Tin Kiu .. ..	65	32	35
Gardner.—Shak Pan ..	60	40	30
Gudgeon.—Pak Kap Yu ..	10	18	15
Herring.—Tao Pak Yu ..	45	22	18
Hallibut.—Cheung Kwai Kap ..	32	18	33
Halibut.—Wong Pa Yu ..	48	22	18
Loach.—Wa Yu .. ..	18	22	24
Loach.—Lung Ha .. ..	50	32	31
Macquart.—Chi Yu .. ..	40	20	28
Monk Fish.—Mong Yu ..	55	22	28
Mullet.—Tsi Yu .. ..	55	18	2
Oyster.—Shang Ho .. ..	50	16	23
Parrot Fish.—Kai Kung Yu ..	55	14	9
Perch.—Tsu Lo .. ..	28	20	15
Pike.—Fa Pau Fong .. ..	16	16	9
Plaice.—Pan Yu .. ..	55	28	14
Pomfret, Black.—Hak Chong ..	65	28	30
Pomfret, White, Pak Chong ..	70	36	30
Prawns.—Ming Ka .. ..	75	38	45
Ray.—Pal Pa Shu .. ..	10	16	14
Rock Fish.—Shak Kiu Kung ..	24	12	18
Roach.—Chun Yu .. ..	68	22	18
Salmou.—Ma Yu .. ..	65	36	30
Shark.—Shu Yu .. ..	10	4	10
Shark.—Po Yu .. ..	25	10	10
Shrimp.—Ha .. ..	60	22	26
Snapper.—Lap Yu .. ..	25	32	30
Snapper.—Tsi Yu .. ..	45	22	28
Sole.—Tsi Yu .. ..	50	22	18
Tuna.—Tsi Yu .. ..	15	15	22
Turbot.—Tsi Yu .. ..	15	15	22

## Poultry.

	September 6, 1923.	1918.	1914.
Chicken.—Kai .. .. lb.	65	30	31
Capon, Small.—Shu Kai ..	80	38	30
Capon, Large.—Shu Kai ..	85	38	30
Duck.—Ap .. .. .	40	22	21
Duck.—Pan Kau .. each	35	—	—
Egg, Hen.—Kai Tai (cooking) per doz	28	18	—
Egg, Hen.—Kai Tai (fresh), per doz	30	25	—
Fowl, Canton.—Kai .. lb	75	38	34
Fowl, Hainan.—Hoi Nam Kai ..	45	38	—
Goose.—Nga .. ..	55	24	21
Pigeon, Canton.—Pak Kap ..	55	30	—
" Hothow.—Hoi Hoi Pak Kap	35	23	—
Turkey, Cook.—Fo Kai Kung lb.	10	60	—
Turkey, Hen.—Fo Kai Na ..	65	48	—
Sparrow.—Sha Tsui ..	23	—	—
Pheasant.—Shan Kai ..	—	—	—
Quail.—Om Chan .. ..	—	—	—
Partridge.—Che Ka .. ..	—	—	—

## Fruits.

Almonds.—Hang Yan .. lb.	85	35	—
Apples, (California)—Kau Shan	—	—	—
" Plug Shu ..	24	24	—
Bananas, (Hindu), Mico.—Fan	—	—	—
Hong Chai ..	5	4	—
Cashew.—Yeung To .. ..	14	19	—
Cocoanuts.—Ye To .. ..	11	10	—
Lemons, China.—Ling Mung ..	12	7	—
Lemons, (America)—Kam Shan	—	—	—
Ling Mung .. each 8	8	8	—
Lichee, Dried, (small stone) ..	30	25	—
" Lai Chi Kon lb.	30	25	—
Oranges, (Canton), Sweet ..	—	10	—
Shan-sheng Tin Chang lb.	7	—	—
Oranges, Tin Chang ..	32	—	—
Pears, (Canton), Cooking.—Sha Si ..	18	—	—
Pears, (America)—Kam Shan	—	—	—
Ling Mung .. each 8	8	8	—
Persimmons, Large.—Hung To ..	14	12	—
Plantain.—Tai Chiu .. ..	4	3	—
Pineapple, Siam.—Tsu Lo Yau ..	12	19	—
Walnuts.—Hop To .. ..	14	14	—
Grapes.—Fo Tai Tsu .. ..	—	—	—

## Vegetables, &amp;c.

Artichokes.—Ah Chi Cheuk .....	8	—
Beans, Sprout.—Nga To .....	5	7
" Long.—Tsi Kok .....	15	8
Beet Root.—Hung Tai Tau .....	2 each	8
Blister Squash.—Fo Kw .....	8	—
Brussels, Green.—Ching Yau Kw ..	6	5
" Red.—Hoi K .....	7	—
Cabbage Chinese, (common) .....	14	—
Bai Tsoi .....	18	—
(Straight)—Ya Tsoi .....	14	—
Corn Shoots, bunch.—Kau Shun ..	10	—
Cauliflower (Large)—Yu Tsoi .....	14	—
(Medium) .....	—	—
(Small) .....	—	—
Carrots.—Lam Shun .....	1b 10	—
Celery Chinese.—Tong Kan Tsoi ..	80	—
Chilies, dried.—Kun Lai Chia .....	50	2
" Red.—Hung Fa Chia .....	14	1
" Green.—Ching Lai Chia .....	15	—
Curry Stalk, English.—Ka Li Chai Lu	1b 10	—
Cung Kwa .....	each 4	—
Garlic.—Sun Tau .....	1b 8	—
Ginger young.—Sun Tse Keng .....	10	—
Ginger, old.—Lo Kung .....	9	—
Horseradish, Shanghai.—Lai Kau ..	10	4
Kohlan Corn.—Shak Mai .....	each 70	—
Lettuce.—Young Shing Tsoi .....	lb 18	—
Water Chestnuts.—Ma Tai .....	lb 12	—
Maidan.—Kwai	—	—
Lam Ma .....	12	—
Mushrooms, Fresh.—Shang Tsoi Kiu lb	60	—
Onions .....	lb 14	—
Onions, Boatsy.—Young Chung Tsoi lb	8	—
Onions, Green.—Shang Chung lb	12	—
Onions, Shanghai.—Shung Ching	—	—
Chung Tsoi .....	70	—
Parsley.—Kun Tsoi .....	6	—
Potato, Sweet.—Yin Shu .....	4	—
" Japanese.—Yau Fung Shu Tsoi lb	8	—
" American.—Fai Ki Shu Tsoi lb	7	—
Pumpkin.—Tung Ka .....	lb 4	—
Radish.—Hung Lo Pak Tsoi .....	4	—
Rhubarb (French)—Tsi Wong .....	—	—
Shallots.—Kong Chong Tsoi .....	12	5
Splach.—Yin Tai .....	8	—
Tomatoes.—Wai Ho .....	14	—
" .....	—	—
Turnip, Purple.—Tong Lo Pak .....	10	—
Yucca.—Yau Kung .....	6	—
Water Cress.—Shing Tsoi .....	80	—
" .....	—	—
" .....	—	—

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SLY.—On August 25, 1923, at  
Yunnanfu, the wife of H. E.  
Sly, Esq., C.M.G., of a son.

LE GUELLEC.—On September  
7, 1923, at Shanghai, to Mr. and  
Mrs. Henry Le Guellec, a son.

BOUVIER.—On September 7,  
1923, at Shanghai, to Mr. and  
Mrs. T. Bouvier, a daughter.

SHERIDAN.—On September 8,  
1923, at Shanghai, to Mr. and  
Mrs. John James Sheridan, twin  
sons.

KNIGHT.—On September 9, 1923,  
at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs.  
Knight, a son.

GERMAIN.—On September 10,  
1923, at Shanghai, to Mr. and  
Mrs. T. Germain, a daughter.

### MARRIAGE.

REIN-DAHL.—On September 7,  
1923, at Shanghai, Bernt Olaf  
Finckenhagen Rein, of Shang-  
hai, to Elna Dahl, née Schoen-  
berg, of Kristiania, Norway.

### DEATHS.

MACREYNOLDS.—On Septem-  
ber 15, 1923, at 18 Broadwood  
Road, Victoria Island, beloved  
wife of T. Naughton Mac-  
Reynolds, aged 37.

HARRISON.—On July 17, 1923,  
at Bradford, England, George  
Penwick Lawrence Harrison,  
aged 34 years. Representative  
of M. Zossenheim & Co.,  
Leeds and Bradford.

KOMOR.—On September 1, 1923,  
Vera Nikolaevna Komor, née  
Wassiliewa, wife of George  
Komor, killed in the earth-  
quake at Yokohama.

WILLIAMS.—On September 1,  
1923, at Yokohama, in the great  
earthquake disaster, M. A.  
Williams, wife of Captain  
C. C. Williams, of the China  
Navigation Company, of  
Shanghai.

ROHDE.—Word has been receiv-  
ed that Mr. Carl Rohde,  
Manager of H. C. Augustesen  
China Trade, has died of  
apoplexy while in Japan.

LENT.—On September 10, 1923,  
at Shanghai, Mary Margaret,  
wife of Robert Lent, aged 39  
years.

## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, SEPT. 17, 1923.

### THE WEEK-END.

Local events have been of such  
great variety during the past few  
days as to exclude for serious  
thought the world happenings  
chronicled during the week. We  
see welcome signs denoting the  
coming end of the Ruhr occupation  
and the probable solving of the  
much discussed and vexed Repara-  
tions question. The Italo-Greek  
matter is outwardly probably as  
dead as the extinct Dodo. It has  
quickly been followed by the mili-  
tary camp in Spain, another speedy  
affair of a beginning and an end.  
These three matters may be deemed  
experiments in temperamentalism.  
We imagine our more southern  
continental neighbours possessed of  
a more natural sense of the dramatic  
than Britishers of a colder climate.  
Temperers are the more readily  
quickerened, and a little fuel added  
to the early flame can easily lead  
to a conflagration likely to have  
devastating results. Whether the  
surface desire of the German  
Government to cease passive resist-  
ance in the Ruhr district is due to a  
realisation of its hopelessness in  
face of a determined invader, or the  
success of private negotiations and  
conversations which have led to a  
professed desire to end an unsatis-  
factory business, need not detain us  
much. It is a great gain that the  
end is in sight and not obscured by  
vapourings of a distinctly heady  
order. We shall see the end clearer  
perhaps when the unveiling of war  
memorials by the French Premier  
comes to an end. If Italy has  
secured redress by a spirited piece  
of bombastic buccannery, the  
honours of this brief continental  
drama, must go to Greece for her  
willingness to acquiesce in many of  
the demands made upon her as the  
result of the murderous actions of  
some of her nationals. The action  
of Signor Mussolini again brings to  
the forefront the status of the  
League of Nations and it is evident

that something will have to be done  
to strengthen the position of the  
League if it is to be the force that  
those who long for world peace  
desire it to be. Japan is rapidly  
setting herself to the problem of  
reconstruction following the visita-  
tion which has laid to ruin two of  
her principal cities. The world-wide  
sympathy which the catastrophe  
produced has been spontaneous and  
should be productive of results  
which are unassessable in word  
terms. Locally a brief revival of  
the gift signing question due to Mr.  
Lowe's lengthy "explanation" of  
why he voted in favour of the repeal  
of the Liquor Ordinance, has been  
speedily followed by the finding of  
the Court in the matter of the  
"Loongsang" disaster, the visit of  
the Shanghai Lawn Bowls team,  
and a week-end full to the brim of  
social activities. It may, or may  
not be a good sign to find that some  
of our public men have the time to  
produce solid, and in part, witty  
reasonings on matters of personal  
convenience. There are probably  
more important matters awaiting  
attention on which weighty pro-  
nouncements are very much needed.  
It is probably due to Mr. Lowe that  
the vexatious stamp duty on  
cheques was reduced. We submit  
to Mr. Lowe, as worthy of his  
attention, such a matter as play-  
grounds for children. Less specu-  
lar than clubs but of more  
and lasting importance. Inter-  
port matches are now a firmly  
established custom and the visit of  
the Shanghai Bowlers, is as usual,  
calling forth a vast amount of  
hospitality, and increasing consider-  
ably that true feeling of sportman-  
ship, which is not necessarily an  
adjunct of sport. Several social  
events have elapsed, due perhaps to  
the changes of weather the Colony  
has been called upon to endure.  
These continual happenings on the  
same date of numbers of public  
functions seem to suggest a "Clear-  
ing House" where Secretaries of  
Societies could compare their social  
engagements and decide which are  
to have preference. Altogether it  
has been a splendid week-end,  
tinged as is usual by incidents of  
sickness and the anguish of death.  
To all those who have been called  
upon to endure, a word of sincere  
sympathy.

What are the qualities that  
achieve success, accepting success  
or being successful as "having  
achieved that which was aimed  
at"? There are successes which  
are made by worse means than  
advertisement and push and a mean  
use of social life. In politics it is  
alleged that a man is "wonderfully  
helped" by a taste for intrigue, by  
disloyalty to friends, and by the  
constant practice of intellectual dis-  
honesty. There will be general  
agreement with this assertion. In  
certain sorts of business low cunning  
has been found profitable, and ruth-  
lessness is said to have strengthened  
the early steps of multi-millionaires.  
If the imputation be true, we can  
but avert our eyes from the result-  
ing horrors and admit that so far  
as they are concerned, success is  
condemned. Another quality gen-  
erally said to be necessary is the  
power and practice of misrepresenting  
fact. That is not always the case.  
It is not true of card-sharps, com-  
pany-promoters, or some  
spheres of high finance. It is true  
however of the lawyer, the doctor  
and various other professions.  
Whilst hard work is to be admired  
it is open to doubt if it imparts the  
hard worker's disposition. It tends  
to irritability and truculence, and  
also to narrowness outside its own  
sphere. The hard worker conceives  
that he more than other men has a  
right to complain of the club dinner  
or his wife's friends, and having no  
time to revise his prejudice is loud  
in proclaiming them.

### Success.

We read with a considerable  
amount of interest the report which  
appeared in a morning contem-  
porary of the annual meeting of the  
Philatelic Society. Not that we are  
philatelists. We agree with  
Artemus Ward or Mark Twain, or  
whoever it was, that the value of a  
postage stamp depends upon its  
power to stick to one thing until it  
gets there. We started in at one  
time to collect stamps. We had  
heard of the great Blue Danube, or  
Mauritius yellow which was said  
to be worth \$700, and it appeared  
to us that perhaps this singular  
piece of paper might swim into our  
sanctimonious cardboard box, for he  
said we commenced our short-lived  
attempts to collect stamps with  
such a box. When we heard of  
foreigners, and realised that the  
hobby of stamp collecting could be

deduced by filthy lucre, we gave it up  
and concentrated on autographs.  
So the fact that stamp-collectors  
had met did not interest us very  
much. What did, was the fact of that  
old old story of diluted enthusiasm,  
inattention to rules, indifference to  
the consideration of others which are  
absolute non-essentials if honorary  
workers are to be encouraged in  
their self-sacrificing work. In the  
case of our local stamp society—  
why on earth call it by any other  
name? It is reported that buckets  
of stamps were kept by different  
members for a period of six weeks;  
that the bye-laws had been ignored  
by some of the members, and that  
endless trouble had been entailed  
thereby. In collecting accounts  
when due. After this we must say  
that we shall look upon stamp  
collectors with a considerable  
degree of suspicion. We express a  
sincere measure of sympathy with  
those of the Stampists who are keen  
and rule-abiding, and especially  
with the official most concerned.  
For those who have been castigated,  
we can find no words sufficiently  
strong enough to say what we feel.  
We have met them in all walks of  
society—in Bands of Hope, in  
Choirs "where they do sing," in  
Book Clubs, in Rambling Clubs, in  
Men's Clubs, Football and Tennis  
Clubs, in Choral Societies, in political  
associations, in almost every form of  
organisation that we can think of.  
They are the despair of committees,  
honorary secretaries, chairmen, and  
their name is legion and spelt in  
one way—selfishness.

### To-day's Poems.

(Secrets.)  
Way down by the sea on the shift-  
ing sands,  
Where each rolling wave on the  
beach expands;  
To bare all the secrets the sea can-  
not keep.  
The secrets sent up from the  
fathomless deep.  
Enkist by the pearls and the coral  
reef,  
In seashells of color beyond belief,  
With music of rolling and rumbling  
of sea;  
Are secrets that You have whisper-  
ed to me.  
—JOHN KYOTO.

(Twilight Land.)  
What is it that through the dreary  
night  
Stills strengthens me so that of thee  
I write?  
Sleep touches not my eyes with  
drowsy hand;

'Tis thy inspiring  
Thou art  
That's guiding me  
Through twilight land.  
—TOM FRANKLIN.

### SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised  
In The Mail.

### ENTERTAINMENTS.

September 17.—Coronet Theatre;  
Priscilla Dean in "Wild Honey."  
September 17.—Star Theatre;  
Douglas Fairbanks in "The Three  
Musketeers."  
September 17.—World Theatre;  
H. B. Warner in "The Haunting  
Shadows."

September 18.—Coronet Theatre;  
Douglas Fairbanks in "The Mark  
of Zorro."

September 18.—Lammert Bros.,  
at "Kingsclere" Kennedy Road,  
a large quantity of valuable house-  
hold furniture 11 a.m.

September 19.—Lammert Bros.,  
at their Sales Rooms, Duddell St.,  
the s.s. "Wah Kiu," noon.

September 20.—Lammert Bros.,  
at "Craig Rycie" No. 13 The Peak,  
a large quantity of valuable house-  
hold furniture 2.45 p.m.

September 21.—Lammert Bros.,  
at their Sales Rooms, Duddell  
Street, the s.s. "Chekiang," 3 p.m.

September 18.—First ordinary  
general meeting of shareholders of  
the Sandakan Light and Power  
Co. (1922) Ltd. at St. George's  
Building, Chater Road, 11 a.m.

September 20.—Extraordinary  
general meeting of the Hongkong  
Hide and Leather Co., Ltd., at  
67/69, Des Voeux Road, 12.15 p.m.

October 2.—Ordinary general  
meeting of Douglas Steamship Co.,  
Ltd., at Co.'s Offices, 20, Des Voeux  
Road, 11 a.m.

An amusing little incident has  
lately been disclosed in connection  
with M. Clemenceau's visit to India.  
While in Tanjore he visited the old  
palace library and afterwards  
attended a dancing party. As he  
was about to depart from the latter  
a servant of the library who had  
been entrusted with the "Tiger" re-  
marks for the "Visitors' Book" ap-  
proached him for that purpose,  
whereupon M. Clemenceau wrote  
in the library book, in French, that  
the music was very good, the girls  
handsome and the dancing ex-  
cellent. The next visitor to the  
library was Sir Sankardev, who  
horridly rebuked the older Brahmin  
librarian by asking if M.  
Clemenceau had been entertained  
at the library with music and  
dancing.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

For the 24 hours ending last  
Friday, two cases of small-pox and  
one each of plague, enteric and  
meningitis were notified. All the  
patients are Chinese.

A Chinese boy, 5 years of age,  
was knocked down by a tram at  
Praya East yesterday. His legs  
were seriously injured and he was  
removed to the Government Civil  
Hospital.

The St. Paul's College Annual  
Aquatic Sports will take place on  
Wednesday September 19, at 2.30  
p.m. in the V. R. C. Bath. The  
programme includes a past pupils'  
100 yards mixed stroke race.

A Penang wire states that a  
police court summons has been  
granted against Capt. Cooney,  
under section 279 of the Criminal  
Procedure Code, for alleged rash  
and negligent driving of a car on  
the night of August 17, when Mrs.  
Coombs was killed.

At the Magistracy, this morn-  
ing a Chinese was charged before  
Mr. J. R. Wood with being in un-  
lawful possession of one revolver  
and a small quantity of opium. The  
prosecution stated that the revolver  
was found in a tailor's shop at No.  
12 Gage St., where accused lodged.  
The case was remanded.

The China Mail understands that  
the Bishop of Macao has  
written to the Portuguese Consul  
at Kobe offering to take 12  
Portuguese (six of each sex) and 24  
Japanese (12 of each sex) who  
have been left destitute as a result  
of the earthquake and have them  
looked after and educated.

Quite a sensation has been  
caused in the native city of Hankow  
by the distribution of circulars  
saying that after the Mid-Autumn  
Festival there will be no sun for  
the space of five days. Apparent-  
ly no one has thought of asking  
the distributors who was the  
originator of the prophecy,  
observes the N.C. Daily News.

A telegram to the Daily  
Bulletin, dated Peking September  
16, reads: The Japanese Legation,  
yesterday, addressed a Note to the  
Waichiao drawing attention to  
the attack by Chinese troops on the  
Japanese steamer "Viyang Maru,"  
in which there were several Japan-  
ese casualties, and stating that the  
Government must take a serious  
view of the affair.

It is stated that the most ex-  
pensive set of Mah Jongg in Lon-  
don seems to be forty guineas.  
The elaborately-carved ivory sets  
sold in America for as much as  
£300 or £400 have not found their  
way across there. Most Londoners  
playing the game spend only be-  
tween £3 and £4 on their sets,  
which are made, for that price, out  
of bamboo and bone.

Londoners fill the Chinese re-  
staurants at dinner-time on these  
summer evenings, for the Chinese  
know a great deal about warm-  
weather food, and one is really fed  
in an inexpensive Chinese restau-  
rant. It is significant of the growth  
of the Chinese colony there that a  
small hotel in Central London not  
long ago established a Chinese din-  
ing-room which is patronised  
chiefly by Chinese.

News has come through from  
Australia, says a Kuala Lumpur  
message to the Straits Times that  
Mr. R. A. Boardman, secretary of  
the Kuala Lumpur Sanitary Board  
(for whom a warrant has been issued  
on an allegation of criminal mis-  
appropriation of the board's funds),  
has arrived at Fremantle. In reply  
to enquiries, the Deputy Commis-  
sioner of Police at Kuala  
Lumpur was unable to say whether  
he had been arrested.

Calcutta is at present in the  
grip of an unprecedented epidemic  
of dengue fever. The medical  
authorities declare that nearly 40  
per cent of the population are  
suffering, one of the leading  
doctors declaring "We are pro-  
strate." Business is being seriously  
interfered with, and in many in-  
stances fully 30 per cent of the office  
staffs are off duty for four to five  
days. The usual features of the after-  
effects are in many cases worse  
than the actual disease, the patients  
being afflicted with dizziness,  
weakness, stiffened joints, and  
shooting muscular pains. Doctors  
attribute the epidemic to unusual  
swarms of tiger mosquitoes, which,  
it is generally believed, are the  
result of the abolition by the  
corporation, as a measure of  
economy, of the mosquito brigades  
until recently employed in treat-  
ing the breeding places of disease  
carriers.

### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Baron Hulin will be appointed  
Foreign Minister in the Yamamoto  
Cabinet, according to a message  
received by the Daily Bulletin.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Truro  
has been translated to the See of  
Chelmsford. The Bishop (Dr. Guy  
Warman) is a brother of Mrs. Earle,  
wife of Professor Earle of the  
Hongkong University.

### LOCAL STADIUM.

PLANS FAST NEARING  
COMPLETION.  
SOKUNKOO THE SITE.

### SCHEME WELL SUPPORTED.

From interviews that a China  
Mail representative had this morn-  
ing with the Colonial Secretary, the  
Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher,  
C.M.G., C.B.E., and Mr. R. J.  
Wilton, the father of the Hongkong  
Stadium scheme, prospects are dis-  
tinctly bright.

At a meeting of the Recreation  
Grounds Committee on Friday  
evening last, the consensus of  
opinion was strongly in favour of  
the Sookunkoo ground being set  
aside for the purpose. Mr. Fletcher  
said this morning that as soon as all  
the correspondence between the  
Stadium committee and the military  
authorities is in his hands, the  
papers will be forwarded to His  
Excellency the Governor for his  
recommendation and the approval  
of the Legislative Council. When  
Government is in receipt of what is  
exactly required, Mr. Fletcher said,  
there is little doubt that full support  
will be given the scheme. The  
plan, as submitted to the Colonial  
Secretary, provides for a running  
track 500 yards long and 15 feet  
wide, a full-sized football and base-  
ball ground, and tennis courts and  
bowling greens.

Mr. Wilton stated that at last  
Friday's meeting of the Recreation  
Grounds Committee, the members  
were agreeable that the military  
grounds at Sookunkoo should be set  
aside for the purpose. Government  
also favours the Sookunkoo site and  
is expected to give full support to  
any feasible scheme.

A letter had been sent to Colonel  
Butterworth, the officer in charge of  
the garrison recreation grounds at  
Sookunkoo, asking whether, pending  
their occupation, the military would  
consent to a stadium being built  
provided the use of the ground  
was left to them in the meantime.  
The military have agreed on certain  
conditions.

### THE NEXT MOVE.

"Now that the Recreation  
Grounds Committee and the  
Colonial Secretary are in full sym-  
pathy with the scheme, the next  
move is for the Government to lay  
the matter before H.E. the Govern-  
ment in Council. There is no  
reason to doubt that the sanction  
of the Legislative Council will be  
obtained. After which, plans will  
be prepared and work will com-  
mence this year. It is thought that  
Government will finance the entire  
scheme, provided the ground is open  
to any club—which is the sole  
motive of the scheme."

As regards financing the scheme,  
the Colonial Secretary hinted that  
government would probably be pre-  
pared to go a long way towards this  
end, but would probably not be  
prepared to pay for permanent  
buildings.

In conclusion, Mr. Wilton stated:  
"Probably next season the  
Stadium Committee will take over  
the ground with the proviso that the  
visiting club in important matches  
will receive a percentage of the gate  
receipts."

### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The death is reported of Canon  
S. Cooper Scott, an honorary Canon  
of Chester, who for forty years was  
vicar of St. John the Baptist,  
Chester. He was a brother of  
Bishop Scott, of Shantung.

The late Major Walter Henry  
Levy, D.S.O. (49), of Lowndes-  
square, S.W., a director of M.  
Samuel and Co., Shell House, Bis-  
hopsgate, E.C., the Gresham Fire  
and Accident Insurance, and the  
Magadi Soda Co., son of the late  
Henry Levy, of Hyde Park-square,  
and son-in-law of Lord Bearsted,  
left estate of the value of £52,127.

Senhor Teixeira Gomes, the new  
President of the Portuguese Repu-  
blic, during his thirteen years as  
Minister in London, has been a  
collector of antiques. He has  
acquired bronzes, lacquers, ivories,  
and cabinets. His particular van-  
ity is Chinese snuff-boxes and  
vases. Amber and jade objects are  
also greatly favoured by him.

Major-General Sir Edmund  
Leach, K.C.B., of Marlborough-square,  
London, S.W., who served in the  
Crimea, in the New Zealand War  
throughout the Egyptian War, 1882,  
and in the Nile Expedition in 1885,  
died at Bath on August 7. Sir  
Edmund was born in 1836. He  
took a great interest in matters  
Chinese, and in the Far East  
generally.

There died in Amsterdam, on  
August 14, in his seventy-seventh  
year, M. J. T. Cremer, formerly  
Minister for the Colonies and  
member of the Second and First  
Chambers. Some years ago, after  
a long time as Colonial Minister,  
he was Netherlands Minister at  
Washington. Mr. Cremer, who was  
president of the Deli Tobacco Co.,  
was a recognised authority on East  
Indian affairs.

### HERE'S YOUR CHANCE!

WHAT DOES THE COLONY  
NEED MOST?

"CHINA MAIL" VOTING CONTEST.

What are Hongkong's ten most  
urgent needs? This engaging  
question forms the subject of the  
China Mail's third big voting con-  
test, which begins to-day. Here  
indeed is an appeal to all. Who  
has not his own ideas about the  
Colony's "long felt wants"? Who  
has not voiced them many times  
already? And who will not give  
them again now that they may  
prove worth \$50, and at the same  
time greatly assist our rulers, or  
spur private enterprise? The  
rules for this unique contest,  
exactly the same as those for the  
first two, will be found fully set  
out on page 9 of this issue.

### NEVER TOO LATE.

POPULAR PROFESSION  
CONTEST.

### REPAIRING A MISTAKE.

Owing to a printer's oversight  
which escaped notice in Saturday  
morning's rush, the final entry  
form for our second voting con-  
test, popular professions, was  
omitted from our last issue.  
To-day we give it on page 11.  
Competitors should cut it out and  
send it in to reach the "China  
Mail" not later than Tuesday.  
Final judging will be slightly  
delayed, but the result will be  
announced in Wednesday's  
"China Mail" as usual.

### WINNERS.

PROGRAMMES WORTH FIVE  
DOLLARS!

The holders of the following  
theatre programmes are requested  
to forward same to the China Mail  
office when coupons to the value  
of \$5 will be issued which may be  
changed for goods to the same  
value with any of the advertisers  
in the China Mail.

Star Theatre Programme No.—  
109, issued Saturday September 15.  
World Theatre Programme No.  
1073 issued Wednesday to Satur-  
day September 12 to 15.

Patrons of the three Cinema  
Theatres, the Coronet, Star and  
World are advised to retain their  
programmes and study the number  
to be found on the front page.

### C.C.C.

### A NIGHT OUT.

The Unigenpower Club has now  
reached the stage when it has tradi-  
tions. If the ghosts of some of its  
long-departed members walked the  
boards on Saturday, they did so  
with a considerable degree of sur-  
prise. Instead of seeing the old-  
time matched they would see  
a long array of solid buildings, out-  
wardly good to look upon, inwardly  
neatly and efficiently furnished;  
everything in order and up to date.  
Saturday evening's festivities were  
organised to celebrate the latest  
acquisition and extension of the  
Club premises and attracted a host of  
members who in their turn acted as  
hosts to a solid mass of friends who  
did justice to the viands and the  
victuals, admired the wonderful  
lighting scheme, and did the fox-  
trot, the one-step, the two-step and  
those other old English dances—if  
such they be, which are the delight  
of the social aspirant. Mr. Hon.  
Secretary Bana at the close of the  
dinner made a surprisingly eloquent  
speech, saying the right thing in  
the right way—and best of all in the  
right place. Messrs. C. H. Lyson,  
and B. W. Bradbury and the  
skipper of the Shanghai Bowlers  
followed with after-dinner orna-  
ments of a Legislative Council order.  
A band discoursed appropriate  
music whilst the quietness and calm  
of the night lent enchantment to  
the scene.

### A.D.C.

### FORTHCOMING PRODUCTION

We understand the A.D.C. is  
seriously considering the production  
of the famous play R.U.R. (The  
Robot play) recently done in London  
and acclaimed on all hands as one  
of the best plays for a long time.  
If this surmise is correct, Hongkong  
is in for an intellectual treat.

### A Good Suggestion.

Try Chamberlain's Tablets when  
bilious or constipated. You are certain  
to be pleased with them. They are easy  
to take and cleanse the bowels. For sale  
by all chemists and druggists.

## DESPITE THE TIMES.

PROGRESS IN "DARKEST"  
HAINAN.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

KINGCHOW, HAINAN, CHINA,  
Sept. 11, 1923.

Hainan has had comparative quiet for the past month. The disastrous typhoons which struck Hong-kong have passed her by or else brought her plenty of beneficial rain. Furthermore nothing out of the ordinary in the way of war or disaster has come her way.

The military governor of the island Gen. Teng has taken the side of Gen. Chen Kwing-ming in the Kwang Tung war and his part has been to attack Gen. Wang Ma-hang at Pakhoi. He was able to capture Pakhoi and the city of Lingschow close by. It is said that Gen. Wang has called all the large bands of robbers in the Luchow Peninsula to his aid. Whether they help him or not is a question but perhaps this new occupation for the robbers will give a little rest to the distracted Peninsula.

Women and children have been moved out of the Hsien city at Deng An on the Golden River. This is in expectation of an attack by so-called People's Army. It is rumored that the former People's Army leader Chen Kizi is operating in the south part of the island and now holds Naidow. This is not at all certain but at least Gen. Teng has sent additional soldiers to Leng Tui in the south. It is said that Tanchow Loie and People's Army soldiers are besieging Tam Chow city on the west coast but a Col. Chen and some troops are going to the rescue. The road between Fah-shih on the Golden River and Nodow where there is a foreign compound and several rubber plantations, has been in the power of a large gang of robbers for about six months. Early in August this band attacked and looted the market town of Nodow and cleaned it completely out. However that entirely exhausted the patience of the surrounding community and they banded together and chased the bandits out. On one occasion several hundred loyal citizens surrounded the bandits in the jungle but could not capture them because of their strategic position. Later they surprised a band near Nodow and scattered them, rescuing 400 head of cattle, several horses and much goods. Later some of the regular soldiers have been taking part in a military operation known as "cleaning up the villages." The troops have names of villages that are supposed to shelter robbers, names of robber chiefs, their General's political opponents etc. They then go through these villages capturing people, burning and looting. The troops have been operating near Fah-shih.

The general situation in Hainan seems to be becoming gradually more disturbed. Gambling is still a great craze among all classes of the people and opium smoking is prevalent. The poppy plant is being cultivated near Nodow. Highway robbery and kidnapping are taking place almost anywhere in the country districts. The gambling tax from Hoihow vicinity amounts to about \$1800 a night it is said. The income has been even higher but cash is not as plentiful now as it was. The most popular gambling distraction is Voe Hoe (the Voe flower). Two characters out of a group of 39 are secretly drawn and locked up in a small tin box and the box hung on a tall pole in the sight of all. Then bets are made as to which characters are in the mysterious box. The winner gets 20 times the amount of his money but the chances are not very much in his favour. At midnight the box is hauled down and opened and the lucky parties take home their winnings and dream the rest of the night about their lucky numbers.

Progress is made sometimes even in "darkest" Hainan. Auto buses are now making regular trips from Kachek to U Dik on their newly constructed road. This shortens the journey from Hoihow to Kachek by a whole day. Those in charge of the construction are now working in Deng Ang district and they say their object is to push the road clear through to Hoihow. There are 100 odd labourers employed on the road.

Kingchow City now has a semi-modern market outside the city wall near the West gate. The building which is large and clean is the gift of several rich men. A new High School has been established in Kingchow. It is called the King Hoi Tsong School and its buildings are near the South Gate. The school was established by several public spirited teachers and will accommodate between three and four hundred students. During the past month all the schools of the vicinity have been besieged by students applying for admittance. All of them are filled to overflowing. The local Normal School and the Provincial Normal School have both built new dormitories.

## JOTTINGS FROM MACAO.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

RELIEF MEASURES.

The Excellency Dr. Rodrigo Rodrigues has invited prominent citizens to a meeting at Government House, in order to decide upon the best means for the city to join in the work of relief of the suffering population of Japan. It has also been arranged for a procession, in which the Volunteer Corps, the Fire Brigade, and perhaps the Boy Scouts will join, to leave the Volunteer Headquarters on Sunday afternoon and traverse the principal thoroughfares, calling for subscriptions from the public.

This procession, bearing the national flag and that of the municipality, and accompanied by bands playing lively march tunes, is calculated to influence that section of the public to contribute which is usually not reached by a simple subscription list, and it is hoped that a considerable sum may be collected for this praiseworthy end.

THE HARBOUR POLICE LAUNCH. It will be remembered that during the typhoon of the 18th ultimo the Harbour Police launch "Almirante Hugo de Lacerda" sank in the Inner Harbour and that only one of her crew was saved.

The launch has since been raised by the Naval Department and is at present in the Naval Dockyard undergoing repairs.

In view of this and much other efficient work that has been successfully carried out by the personnel of this department, public feeling runs high against the proposal before the Legislative Council for its abolition.

"PATRIA" AND HOTEL CASINO. In pursuance of its campaign against the Government's projected Hotel Casino, the journal *Patria* proposes to issue a daily edition.

As the *Liberal* aptly remarks, this would be difficult but for the fact that the Salesian Orphanage (where the journal is printed) receives a substantial subsidy from the very Government it now proposes to attack, and that because of this subsidy the Orphanage might very well be able to print the paper for nothing.

AN OLD FRIEND TO RETURN. Professor Harry Ore, the Lettish Composer well known in Macao as a successful teacher, who is expected to visit Macao on the nineteenth, has returned from a holiday in Australia. His recitals there are understood to have attracted much favourable criticism.

Stringent restrictions are being made on the use of foolscap paper for brief letters issued from the Bureau of Economics. Invitations, official communications, and inter-departmental correspondence are typed on half sheets of paper, any surplus remaining at the bottom being cut off with scissors. As the reference number on a letter issued recently was observed to be 1923.1921, the inference is that a saving has already been made in this department of some thousand odd pieces of paper, which must represent an economy of at least two dollars. The remaining departments however, continue to correspond between themselves in the original manner, thus largely nullifying the effect of this laudable idea.

MACAO FAIR. POSTPONED OWING TO RECENT TYPHOON. The Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce has received an intimation in the following terms from the President of the Economical Bureau, Macao: "The damage caused in Macao by the last typhoon, the consequent disagreeable aspect of the town, the enormous cost of repairs in material and indemnities to the families of those who have perished, the urgent necessity of using all its personnel and technical bodies in an immediate restitution of everything to normality, and specially to reconstruct the houses for the accommodation of homeless and shelterless families, have forced the Government of Macao to postpone the Fair announced for this year to October, 1924."

THE CORONET. To-morrow, by special request of numerous patrons, the Fairbanks success, "The Mark of Zorro," will be shown for one more day only. This picture caused so much favourable comment when it was screened here before, that many enquiries have been made about it and it is expected that many people who missed the show before will avail themselves of the present opportunity.

On Saturday, "Robin Hood" with special music will be put on.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

THE HONGKONG BUILDING AND SAVINGS SOCIETY.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—I have read your article under the caption "Own Your Own Home" and published in your issue of the 14th instant with much interest.

Will you please enlighten me on the following points:

1. In view of the fact that the applications will outnumber the number of lots available, how does the company propose to allot same? By drawing for them, or how?
2. If I erect a home for say \$7000.00 and satisfy the company, what return, approximately, would I receive from the government at the end of the 40 years lease for the building?
3. What steps are the company taking to see that applicants do not already possess a house or several houses?

Yours faithfully,  
Haogkong, September 15.  
[Our correspondent should apply to Mr. Frank Ellis, 10 Ice House Street, for any information he may require.—Ed. C.M.]

## OBITUARY.

MRS. MACREYNOLDS.

We much regret to record the death on Saturday afternoon of Mrs. Victoria Isabel MacReynolds, the wife of Mr. T. Naughton MacReynolds, of the Asiatic Petroleum staff, widely known as the honorary secretary of the Easma Club.

During Saturday morning Mr. MacReynolds received an urgent message to proceed home with medical assistance, as his wife had been taken ill. Unfortunately when he reached his residence in Broadwood Road with Dr. Aubrey shortly after 1 p.m., Mrs. MacReynolds had already passed away. The late Mrs. MacReynolds, who was 37, had been in the Colony about three years. Recently she had been in different health and it is assumed that heart failure caused her death. Deep sympathy will be extended to Mr. MacReynolds and his three years old daughter.

THE FUNERAL. At the funeral, which took place at Happy Valley last evening, many of the European staff of the A.P.C. and members of the Easma Club were present. The service at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. H. Copley Moyle and amongst those who attended, besides Mr. MacReynolds, were: Messrs L. A. Cessart, G.M.W. Dorkins, H. F. Bunje, W. H. Whiteley, W. J. Hoos, J. Tully, W. E. Douglas representing the (A.P.C. staff), Messrs. E. H. Wilson, L. D. Martyn, W. J. Mackenzie H. Buie and A. A. Murray (representing the Easma Club), Mrs. C. Gerkob, Messrs. G. T. Everleigh, H. H. Day, A. P. Davies, K. Leibovitz, W. E. Douglas, H. G. Fuller, A. Riach, H. M. Hourihan, S. A. Roberts, C. S. Coom, A. K. McDonald, H. H. Rose, and G. G. Wood.

Wreaths were sent by most of those present at the funeral as well as Mr. N. L. Watson, general manager of the A.P.C., and the Easma Club.

Mr. J. W. GANDE. The many friends of Mr. James William Gande learned with sorrow of his death which took place at the family residence at No. 1, Thorburn Road, Shanghai. Mr. Gande is survived by his wife, his son Mr. W. J. Gande and his daughter Mrs. Frank Lloyd, for whom the deepest sympathy is felt.

Mr. Gande was one of the older residents here, says the *N.C. Daily News*. Thirty-three years ago, through his efforts the well-known firm of Gande, Price and Co., came into existence and has prospered through many years under his personal guidance.

## DIPLOMATS IN JAPAN.

IMPERIAL RESIDENCES AS EMBASSIES.

TOKYO, September 16. The following Imperial residences have been assigned to those Embassies and Legations which were burned down or are seriously damaged: — Prince Takeda's residence to the United States; and Prince Kitashirakawa's residence to the French;—Courtesy *Daily Bulletin*.

## INTERPORT BOWLS.

HONGKONG WIN BY NARROW MARGIN.

On Saturday Hongkong reversed last year's decision by winning the interport bowls match against Shanghai. Detailed progressive scores follow:

HONGKONG.	SHANGHAI.
Shots Total.	Shots Total.
2	2
2	2
1	3
3	1
3	2
1	4
2	6
6	5
6	3
4	10
4	14
14	1
5	19
1	20
2	22
22	2
2	24
24	1
3	27
27	2
2	23

The game was under the control of Mr. W. G. Gerard and Mr. C. J. Tacchi acted as the official measurer.

It is believed that the guarantees offered in the new German reparations proposals will include Customs duties, a tax on tobacco, an alcohol monopoly, and profits on a reorganised railway system, together with the offer of a mortgage on industries and agriculture.

Unseasonably cold weather is reported from the Eastern and Central States of America, particularly at Chicago, where there is 3 in. of snow on the ground and the temperature is below freezing point.

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE HONGKONG &amp; WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Share Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 1st to 8th October 1923 (both days inclusive). Warrants for the Interim Dividend can be obtained at the Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on and after the 9th prox.

By Order of the Board,  
E. COCK,  
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Hongkong, September 17, 1923.

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WEDNESDAY, Oct. 3rd at 8.15 p.m.

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THURSDAY, Oct. 4th at 8.15 p.m.

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FRIDAY, Oct. 5th at 8.15 p.m.

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SATURDAY, Oct. 6th at 8.15 p.m.

The success of comedy still running 1st London

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SUNDAY, Oct. 7th at 8.15 p.m.

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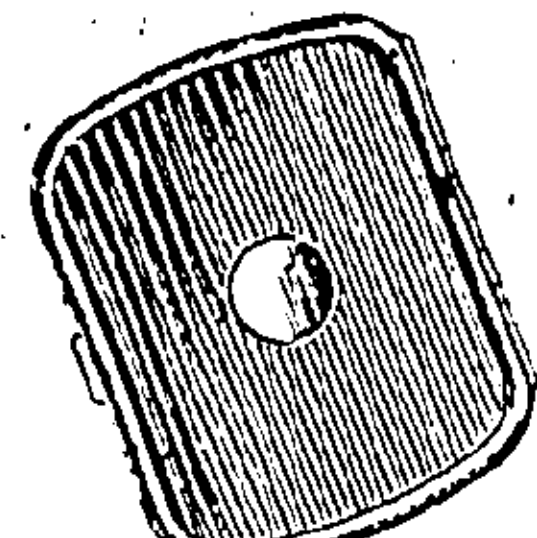
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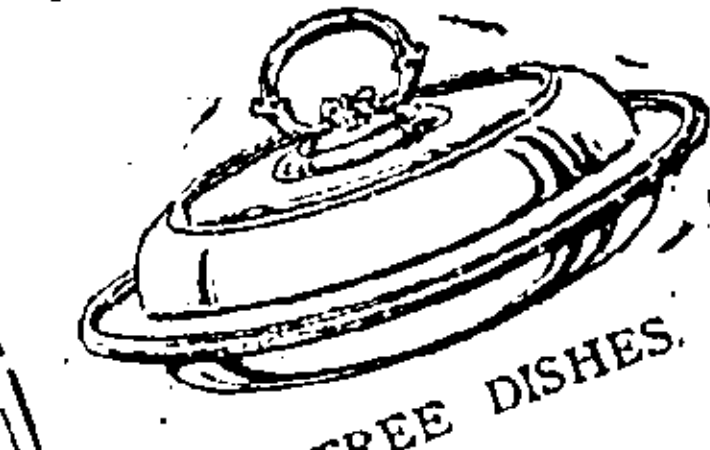
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## POLICE SPORTS.

ANNUAL SWIMMING DAY  
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[By Argus.]

The third annual aquatic sports for members of the Hongkong Police Force were held in the V.R.C. swimming pool, by kind permission of the committee, on Saturday afternoon. The whole affair was excellently conducted and reflected the greatest credit on all concerned. Though no starting times were recorded by the men in blue, the meeting will be memorable for a new record for the 100 yds., put up by Mr. D. Lyon in the handicap continued to members of the V.R.C. The race was won by Razavet (in receipt of 6 seconds start) by the narrowest of margins which reflects the greatest credit on the handicapper, Mr. R. C. Widdell. Lyon's time was 59 secs. (two watches made it a shade better) which will probably stand for some time. The world's amateur record is 53 secs. on a straight course, made by D. P. Kahanamoku at Honolulu on September 5, 1917.

In the swimming under water, confined to Indians, two men swam the full length of the bath and in the swim of the winner's distance was beyond the three-quarter mark. In the diving for plates, Hopkins and Keen each retrieved 6 at the first attempt and in the decoder Keen obtained 6 and Hopkins 5. The championship cup was won by Sgt. Simpson. At the conclusion of the programme, Mrs. Wolfe, wife of the Superintendent of Police, presented the prizes and was herself the recipient of a spray of flowers in a silver holder, handed to her by little Miss Margaret Clark, daughter of Inspector J. Clark. Both Mr. Burlingham and Mr. Wolfe made speeches appropriate to the occasion, thanking the patrons, spectators and officials for their support, the Victoria Recreation Club for the use of the bath and Mr. J. H. Taggart for the services of the band. The chief results follow:—

Handicap for sons of police (15 years and under): 1, F. Angus.

Championship of the police, four lengths: 1, Sgt. Simpson.

Long plunge: 1, Sgt. I. D. McEwan; 2, Sub-Inspector Reynolds.

100 yards handicap (open to members of the V.R.C.): 1, Razavet.

Two lengths handicap (open to all European ranks): 1, Sgt. Simpson; 2, Sgt. I. D. McEwan.

Life saving competition: 1, Sgt. Keen; 2, Sgt. Tuckett.

Walking the greasy pole: 1, Sgt. Rodgers; 2, Sgt. Keen.

Two lengths handicap (open to Police and Station Officers of Fire Brigade): 1, Sub-Inspector Reynolds.

Plate diving: 1, Sgt. Keen; 2, Sgt. Hopkins.

Two lengths breast stroke: 1, Sgt. Simpson; 2, Sgt. Russell.

Undressing race: 1, Sgt. R. McEwan; 2, Sgt. Keen.

Ladies' race (open to police wives and daughters over 16): 1, Miss Aris.

Nomination race: 1, Miss May and Sgt. Russell; 2, Mrs. Wood and Sgt. Dowse. Team race: 1, Simpson, Kirby, Ritchie, and Annett.

## THE STAR.

Dumas' novel, "The Three Musketeers," is so well known and widely read that the story is familiar to everybody. In the film version, the romantic plot has been strictly adhered to, and the sets have been made most carefully, so as to maintain the correct atmosphere.

A crowded house last night showed appreciation of the adventures of D'Artagnan and his three companions, and watched with great interest the foiling of Richelieu's plot to ruin his queen.

The picture will be shown for the last time to-night.

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## OPEN AIR CONCERT.

SECOND PERFORMANCE IS  
WELL PATRONISED.

The second open air concert, held on Sunday night under the auspices of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, was well-attended and proved as successful and enjoyable as its predecessor.

Owing to illness, some of those whose names appeared on the programme were unable to contribute, but willing volunteers came to the rescue at very short notice and the night's pleasure was in no way marred. The place of Mr. G. Grimbale at the piano was filled by Mr. V. R. Jones and Mr. Longyear; Mr. Skinner sang in place of Mrs. Muthieson, Fakir Hassia substituted for Mr. Zeleny and Mr. Sutherland appeared for Mr. Eager.

The programme opened with a lively "quickstep" "Pompador," admirably rendered by the Band of the King's Regiment under the baton of Bandmaster H. D. Henley.

Mr. H. Amis, who has a pleasing tenor voice, won much applause for his two offerings, "Passing By" and "O' Mistress Mine." After another tasteful selection by the King's musicians, Mr. Skinner sang "Fairings" and an ode to an egg, both of which found favour with the audience. Fakir Hassan, by some clever exhibitions of Indian "magic," including the famous basket trick, caused much amusement. Three dances from "Nell Gwyn" (Edward German), played by the band, brought the first half of the programme to an end.

In the second part, the vocal pieces were sustained by Mr. A. S. Exell, whose pleasing baritone was heard to good effect in "Devonshire Cream and Cider" and "Red Devon by the Sea," given as an encore. Mr. Skinner with a tasteful rendering of "Floweret" and Mr. Sutherland, whose quaint stories, gentle gibes and inimitable rendering of "conversation" ensured quite an ovation.

Special mention must be made of the performance by the band, which, as in the first part of the programme, had to bear the brunt of the work. The instrumental pieces, in addition to those mentioned, included "Dervish Chorus" (Sabek), excerpts from "Cavalleria Rusticana" (Mascagni) and a selection from "Iolanthe" (Sullivan). The pieces had evidently been chosen with care and taste and were admirably rendered.

Before the programme was concluded, on the proposition of Mr. Dowbiggin, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded those who had contributed to the enjoyment of the evening—especially the gentlemen who, at very short notice had taken the places of those who were prevented by illness from taking part.

The night's proceeds will be donated to the Japan Relief Fund.

## WORLD CRUISE.

THOS. COOK & SON'S  
ENTERPRISE.

Messrs. Thos. Cook and Son have again chartered the Cunard Line s.s. "Samaria" for a cruise round the world, leaving New York on the 26th January, 1924, travelling Eastward, calling at Funchal (Madeira), Gibraltar, Algiers, Naples, Alexandria (for Cairo), Port Said, Bombay, Colombo, Calcutta, Rangoon, Padang, Batavia, Singapore, Manila, Hongkong, Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu, Hilo, San Francisco, Balboa, Christobal and Havana, thence to New York. The s.s. "Samaria" is scheduled to arrive in Hongkong on the 6th April. During the steamer's stay here the members of the cruise will visit Canton and Macao and make various excursions on the Island and in the New Territory.

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## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail.)

## EARTHQUAKE ECHOES.

OSAKA, September 15. The deaths estimated by the police on the 13th are: Tokyo City and Prefecture, 77,823 (missing, 120,070); Yokohama, 33,707. Over one million refugees have left Tokyo for the country.

While the Japanese material losses are tremendous she has not been so badly hit as at first appeared. With the centre of industrial productivity elsewhere the damage in Tokyo and neighbourhood represents less than a quarter of her producing plants.

Regarding the problem of reconstruction there are apparently two schools of thought, one of which is advocating rapid reconstruction with aid of foreign capital, while the other favours prolongation of the period, enabling the country to provide her own needs as far as possible without calling on foreign financial aid and thus attempting to ward off the possible dangers of a false boom.

A typhoon having visited the mainland, ships engaged in the transportation of refugees and relief materials all took refuge near by the coast. The Town of Tottori is reported to be inundated.

In response to the call of the Minister of Finance, representatives of the Osaka Banking Syndicate, consisting of all the principal banks, proceeded to Tokyo tomorrow morning to meet on Monday the Premier, the Minister of Finance and the leading bankers and financiers of Tokyo. The purpose of the meeting is to decide on the financial programme for reconstruction.

WASHINGTON, September 15. The Japanese relief fund yesterday reached \$7,38,000.

## NEXT BIG QUAKE.

LONDON, September 15. Addressing the British Association at Liverpool, Mr. Shaw, one of the inventors of the Milne-Shaw earthquake registering instrument, said it was an interesting speculation whether the next great earthquake might not be in Tonga group. If so the group is far enough removed from Australia to obviate the likelihood of Australia being affected.

Sir David Bruce was elected next President of the Association.

LONDON, September 15. Two English missionary societies working in Japan are issuing appeals for contributions to make good the losses of the Church in Japan through the earthquake.

A meeting at the Japanese Embassy has formed a relief supply committee for the purpose of collecting gifts in kind and supplying essential goods to relieve distress in Japan.

NEW YORK, September 15. While lower Broadway was crowded Mr. Tokumitsu Inouye, of the Matsui Company, leaped from the fifteenth floor, a skyscraper and was instantly killed.

Apparently he became demented in consequence of news that his wife and two children had perished in the earthquake.

MORE EARTHQUAKES.

PONTA DEL GARDAS, Sept. 15. Earthquake shocks have occurred in several parts of the Azoers.

FAITH IN JAPAN.

LONDON, September 16. Lecturing before an audience, including the Japanese Ambassador, Professor Wildenbart believed that Japan would quickly rise like a veritable Phoenix from the still smouldering ashes and with her government and people made stronger and more united by their passage through the most awful Gehenna of modern times.

TOKYO, September 16. Premier Yamamoto is proceeding to the creation of an Advisory Reconstruction Commission which is preferred to the reported Ministry of Reconstruction and which will include members of the Cabinet, privy councillors, political leaders, members of the Houses of Peers and Representatives, businessmen and scholars. It is understood that Baron Takahashi and Admiral Kato, presidents of the Seiyukai and Kenseikai respectively, have already consented, which assures the Premier a coalition of all parties. In addition to the foregoing is the Executive Board of Reconstruction, the creation of which will carry out the decisions of the commission. The members of Parliament are unanimous in the desire for the convening of an extraordinary session of the Diet.

INSURANCE QUESTION.

OSAKA, September 16. Local underwriters have received enquiries from London as to the truth of the reports that Japanese companies have decided to disregard the earthquake clauses in their policies and to pay claims in full. It can definitely be stated that no such decision has been reached by the companies which have not as yet determined their attitude.

It is reported that the imperial wedding will not be postponed but will take place quietly in the autumn.

TYPHOON HINDERS.

The disorganization of communications is hampering news as to the extent of the damage done by the typhoon on the 14th inst. which

caused serious inundations in the city of Tottori, where five thousand persons are reported missing. It is reported that the area of the recent disaster did not escape the ravages of the storm which considerably interfered with relief and repair work.

LONDON, September 16. The warmest tribute to the courage and patience with which the Japanese have borne the disaster and to the indomitable energy with which they started reordering the ruins is paid by the *Observer*, which doubts whether any western country could rival the speed with which the confusion was controlled.

## GERMANY'S NEEDS.

BERLIN, September 15. Addressing the Federal Council, Finance Minister Hilferding announced that the food supply was assured. Expenditure in the Ruhr had increased, extraordinarily, almost the whole population of the occupied region being largely supplied from the Imperial Exchequer. Efforts must be made to solve the Ruhr conflict through speedy negotiations. Sudden cessation of help for the Ruhr was impossible, but in view of the currency market expenditure would not be continued on its present scale. It would be also indispensable to reduce all other expenditure. The nation must be told that inflation was the heaviest form of taxation. He finally appealed to the nation to hold out till a solution of the country's external difficulties was found.

## AFFAIR AT SOFIA.

SOFIA, September 15. When the police were ordering the dispersal of a demonstration the communists fired, killing the Chief of Police and wounding a gendarme. Sixty of the demonstrators were arrested and a number wounded. The object of the demonstration was to protest against the arrest of communist leaders in consequence of the discovery of an alleged plot for rising on 17th September, aiming at the establishment of a workers' and peasants' Government. The authorities hitherto have arrested one hundred and thirty-two communists in Sofia and several hundred in the provinces. The communists' attempt to provoke a general strike has failed.

## U.S. TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

NEW YORK, September 15. Trade and industry have improved, but the fall of trade does not equal some other years. A better sentiment plus reduced crop estimates are strengthening prices and causing the first advance in the index numbers since March. Cotton consumption, car loadings, automobile sales and building have increased, but iron and steel buying and production are smaller. Cotton manufacturers complain that the sudden rise in raw material unsettles the outlook on account of the disaster in Japan and silk goods advanced fifteen per cent. Feeling here is that the regrettable event involves considerable Pacific coast lumber and steel, and possibly wheat and flour. The Export trade shows little expansion, and imports are declining. The effects of higher prices on consumption are not clear; but there is a generally conceded ability and disposition to buy and exist, and a fair trade balance for the year is expected.

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## V.R.C. FETE.

SUCCESSFUL SPORT ON  
SATURDAY NIGHT.

Despite the numerous counter attractions, the stands at the V.R.C. swimming pool were well filled on Saturday night. Some close contests were witnessed. D. Lyon won the 50 yds. open event in spite of a poor start, Jack and Razavet making a dead-heat for second, with Leung Tit-sang close up. Garrod gained two firsts, after tying with Razavet in the life-saving competition. C. Mackenzie once again proved too expert a diver, though R. H. Charles, a new comer was a good second.

The results were:—

Fifty Yards Scratch Open: 1, D. Lyon, 27 3/5 secs.; 2, G. A. Jack and G. R. Razavet, 27 4/5 secs.

Two Lengths Handicap Boys: 1, J. Clark, 41 1/5 secs.; 2, A. Bliss, 33 secs.

Two Lengths Handicap Members: 1, S. H. Garrod, 31 secs.; 2, E. A. Noronha, 27 1/5 secs.

Fancy High Dive: 1, C. Mackenzie, 179 points; 2, R. H. Charles.

Girls Two Lengths Handicap: 1, M. George, 2, Eileen Anslow.

Challenge Team Race: 1, The Rest—D. Lyon, Leung Tit-sang, G. A. Jack, E. W. Raiton, B. Assumpcao and Gnr. McDade.

Ladies Two Lengths Handicap: 1, Miss M. Blunsdon, 35 3/5 secs.; 2, Miss C. Smith, 41 secs.

Life Saving Competition (fully clothed): 1, S. H. Garrod; 2, G. R. Razavet.

Mixed team Race: 1, G. R. Razavet's team.

"HAUNTING SHADOWS."

ADVENTURE AND LOVE DOMINATE.

Not only is there a broad adventure and mystery theme in "Haunting Shadows" in which H.B. Warner, the Robertson-Cole star, opened at the World Theatre yesterday, but a pretty love story. It is one of strange complications. John Glenam, central character in the story, played by Mr. Warner finds himself in love with Marian Devereux, who turns out to be a rival for the estate of Glenam's grandfather, which has been given the young man on the condition that he remains for a year on the estate.

"Haunting Shadows" is based on "The House of a Thousand Candles," which was written by Meredith Nicholson, and which was one of the most famous best sellers of recent years. The backgrounds are very picturesque, showing as they do the woods of a wild part of Indiana, as well as the old unfinished castle, which has been erected by the eccentric grandfather, who filled it with books upon the subject of architecture, his hobby. "Haunting Shadows" will remain at the World Theatre for one more day.

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J.G. McAdoo, son-in-law of President Wilson.

Although William Gibbs McAdoo, son-in-law of President Wilson and formerly Secretary of the Treasury, refused to admit, in Washington recently, he even had a hat, his conferences in the national capital indicated that he really did possess a political hat and that he is about ready to toss it into the ring for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency next year.



Pancho Villa.

Much bloodshed is expected in Mexico as a result of the murder, from ambush, of Francisco ("Pancho") Villa, ex-bandit chief, who was shot down near his immense estate at Parral, Mexico. Villa, who at one time commanded 35,000 men and captured Mexico City, led the infamous raid on Columbus, New Mexico, in which 17 Americans were assassinated, followed by General Pershing's expedition into Mexico.



Above is shown a remarkable picture of Magnus Johnson, Farmer-Labour leader and dirt farmer, who has been elected to the United States Senate from Minnesota. Mr. Johnson is regarded as the most picturesque figure in American politics to-day.



Mrs. Catherine Buddensick, O'Shaughnessy.

Mrs. Catherine Buddensick, alias O'Shaughnessy, according to the police, left her husband and three young children and joined a burglar band because she had tired of home cares and wanted "to see life." Now she is under arrest on a burglary charge. She told the police she married too young and that a combination of poverty and youth was too much for her to bear.

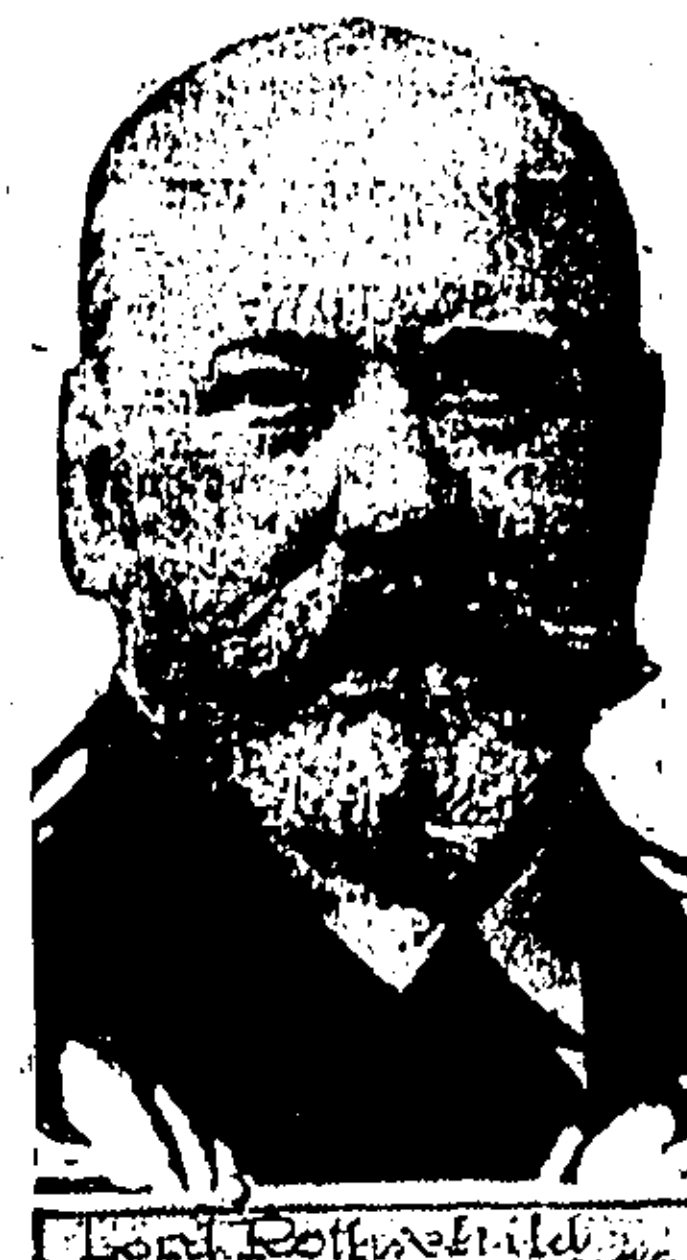


Above: Mrs. Phoebe Hunt, George Maxwell, Mrs. George Maxwell, Mrs. Albert Gillatin, Mrs. Canille Geygard, Mrs. George Hahn, Mrs. Eva Gauthier, Mrs. Albert Gillatin, Mrs. Canille Geygard, Mrs. George Hahn, Mrs. Eva Gauthier.

With some of the most prominent people in the East involved, the mystery of the world-famous "poison-pen" case may never be solved. Judge McIntyre, in New York, has dismissed the indictment against wealthy George Maxwell, President of the Society of Authors, Composers and Publishers, who had been indicted on the charge of writing scurrilous letters to Allan A. Ryan, son of Thomas Fortune Ryan, in which Mrs. Ryan's name was coupled with that of Maxwell. Maxwell himself received many similar letters. He announces he will sue Ryan for slander. Seven prominent women, whose names had been coupled with Maxwell's in poison-pen letters were mentioned by the State in an effort to prevent the dismissal of the indictment. Mme. Canille Geygard, member of the Damrosch Opera Company and wife of Emile Fischer, German basso, was the first woman mentioned. Mrs. George Hahn, of a prominent Philadelphia family, also was named, as was Mrs. Phoebe Hunt, a motion picture actress. Mrs. Albert Gillatin, another society woman named, asserted Maxwell had aided her and her husband in their efforts to find the author of the letters. Eva Gauthier, concert singer, was also mentioned as a recipient of the letters.



Here is the first photograph of the assassination of Francisco ("Pancho") Villa, former famous Mexican bandit chief, who was shot to death in his automobile, in Parral, Chihuahua, Mexico, by six men. Trillo, the bandit's secretary, also met death. Trillo's body is shown sprawling over the side of the automobile, while that of Villa is slumping down over the steering wheel.



Lord Rothschild, one of the guests of honour at the reception to the visiting members of the American Zionist Movement, in London, proposed the health of the Americans, declaring that special thanks were due to American Jews because the largest part of the Zionist fund was raised in the United States.



Here is Otto Hartman, a Chicago bus boy, who so completely fooled Newport's "400" that he was dined and dined lavishly before his impersonation was discovered. Under the impression he was Captain Duane, of Harvard, Captain of the Yale-Harvard tennis team that defeated the Oxford-Cambridge team, he was a guest of Honour on Mrs. Arthur Curtiss James's palatial places, being royally entertained.



Rosemary Baker.

When Rosemary, 12-year-old heiress, member of a prominent Chicago family, was stricken with appendicitis, in London, the American Legation appealed to the Crown officials for the best possible surgeon, with the result that the operation was performed by Sir Lloyd Dawson, personal physician to King George. The little girl is rapidly recovering.



Gov. J. C. Walton.

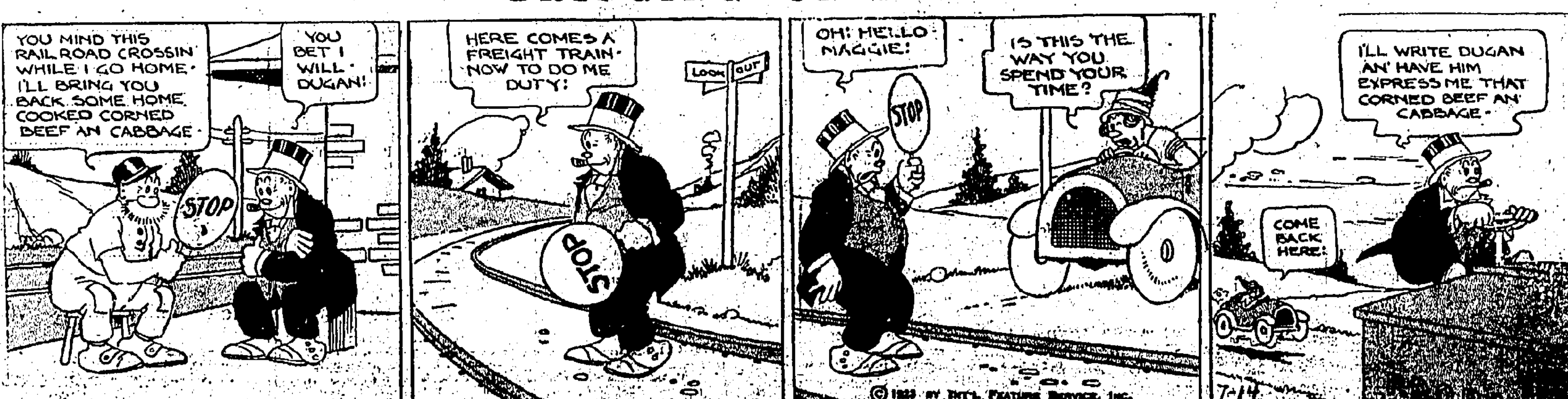
Governor J. C. Walton's formal announcement that he will be a candidate for United States Senator from Oklahoma next year is awaited as the next move in the political game in the Southwestern State. He has cast aside the Farmer-Labour Reconstruction League and will probably stand on the Democratic ticket. He has also moved to Muskogee, in the eastern portion of the State, where a legal residence would be required by precedent in making the race in 1924.

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# VOTING CONTEST.

## POPULAR PROFESSIONS.

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Owing to a printer's oversight which escaped notice in the usual Saturday morning rush, our last issue did not contain the final entry form for the popular profession voting contest. Accordingly we are giving it today. Competitors should send it in to reach the "China Mail" office not later than TUESDAY. The result will be announced in Wednesday's "China Mail" as usual.

#### MAKE YOUR CHOICE HERE

Below we name twenty different professions. Select the ten you think the most popular.

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2. .... Architecture
3. .... Army
4. .... Art
5. .... Authorship
6. .... Commerce
7. .... Diplomacy
8. .... Engineering
9. .... Farming
10. .... Government Service
11. .... Journalism
12. .... Law
13. .... Medicine
14. .... Mercantile Marine
15. .... Ministry
16. .... Music
17. .... Navy
18. .... Politics
19. .... Stage
20. .... Teaching

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China Mail, Hongkong, Sept. 15, 1923.  
Hongkong.

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Please write clearly in block letters.

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On Paris—  
On demand ... 685  
On credit, 4 months sight ... 685

On Berlin—  
On demand ... nom.  
On credit, 4 months sight ... nom.

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On demand ... 12  
On credit, 60 days sight ... 12  
On Bombay—

Wire ... 161 1/2  
On demand ... 161 1/2  
On credit, 4 months sight ... 161 1/2

On Calcutta—  
Wire ... 169 1/2  
On demand ... 169 1/2  
On credit, 4 months sight ... 169 1/2

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On demand ... 97 1/2  
On credit, 4 months sight ... 97 1/2  
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Names. Stock Exchange. Shareholders Association.

H.K.B.C. T.T. selling rate ... 2/3-1/4  
on London ... 2/3-1/4  
and on Shanghai ... 2/3-1/4  
Sungkong Bank ... 107 1/2  
do. New ... 107 1/2  
do. Now ... 104 1/2 b.

Marine Insurance  
Canton Insurance ... 830 b.  
North China Insurance ... 140 b.  
Union Insurance ... 216 b.  
Insurance Yangtze ... 27  
Fire Insurance  
China Fire Insurance ... 130 b.  
Hongkong Fire Insurance ... 477 1/2 n

Shipping  
Douglas ... 424 b.  
P.K. Steamships ... 424 b.  
Indo-China (Prof.) ... 129 1/2 b.  
do. (Def.) ... 129 1/2 b.  
do. (H.K. Reg.) ... 129 1/2 b.

Shell Transport ... 53 1/2 t.  
Star Ferry ... 53 1/2 t.  
Hongkong Tugs and Lighter ... 11 b.

Refineries  
China Sugar ... 319 1/2 n.  
Malayan Sugar ... 55 b.

Mining  
Kailash Mining Adm. ... 61/2 b.  
Langkai ... 61/2 b.  
Shanghai Loans ... 34 1/2 n.  
Shai Explorations ... 34 1/2 n.

Rails  
Rauha ... 35 n.  
Trenoh Mines ... 35 n.  
Ural Caspian ... 35 n.  
Rengat Co. ... 35 n.

Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.  
H. & K. Wharfs ... 155 s. 156  
H. & W. Dock ... 155 s. 156  
Shai Dock ... 155 s. 156  
New Engineering ... 155 s. 156  
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Lands, Hotels & Buildings  
Hongkong Hotels ... 116.0 b. New 20.85 b. (n. 26) New n. 28.0  
Hongkong Lands ... 85 b. 85 s. 85 t.  
Hampden ... 24 s.  
Kowloon Lands ... 83 b.  
Land Reclamations ... 103 n.  
Princess Building ... 115 b.

Cotton Mills  
Kwo Cotton Mills, Ltd. ... 112 1/2 b. 13 s. b. 13 1/2 s. 12.30 s. 13  
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Oriental ... 112 1/2 b. 13 s. b. 13 1/2 s. 12.30 s. 13  
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China Providents ... 112 1/2 b. 13 s. b. 13 1/2 s. 12.30 s. 13  
Daily News ... 112 1/2 b. 13 s. b. 13 1/2 s. 12.30 s. 13  
H.K. Electric ... 112 1/2 b. 13 s. b. 13 1/2 s. 12.30 s. 13  
Mama Do ... 112 1/2 b. 13 s. b. 13 1/2 s. 12.30 s. 13  
Hongkong and Canton ... 112 1/2 b. 13 s. b. 13 1/2 s. 12.30 s. 13  
Hongkong Ropes ... 112 1/2 b. 13 s. b. 13 1/2 s. 12.30 s. 13  
Hongkong Tramways ... 112 1/2 b. 13 s. b. 13 1/2 s. 12.30 s. 13  
Fook Tramways (Old) ... 112 1/2 b. 13 s. b. 13 1/2 s. 12.30 s. 13  
do. (New) ... 112 1/2 b. 13 s. b. 13 1/2 s. 12.30 s. 13  
Steam Laundry ... 112 1/2 b. 13 s. b. 13 1/2 s. 12.30 s. 13  
H.K. Steel Foundry ... 112 1/2 b. 13 s. b. 13 1/2 s. 12.30 s. 13  
Water-Boats ... 112 1/2 b. 13 s. b. 13 1/2 s. 12.30 s. 13  
Waterside ... 112 1/2 b. 13 s. b. 13 1/2 s. 12.30 s. 13  
Wan-Pow ... 112 1/2 b. 13 s. b. 13 1/2 s. 12.30 s. 13  
Lau-Crawford ... 112 1/2 b. 13 s. b. 13 1/2 s. 12.30 s. 13  
Canton Toco ... 112 1/2 b. 13 s. b. 13 1/2 s. 12.30 s. 13  
H.K. Construction ... 112 1/2 b. 13 s. b. 13 1/2 s. 12.30 s. 13  
Hingyong Tobacco ... 112 1/2 b. 13 s. b. 13 1/2 s. 12.30 s. 13  
Shanghai ... 112 1/2 b. 13 s. b. 13 1/2 s. 12.30 s. 13  
H.K. Realty ... 112 1/2 b. 13 s. b. 13 1/2 s. 12.30 s. 13  
H.K. Taxis ... 112 1/2 b. 13 s. b. 13 1/2 s. 12.30 s. 13

## HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

Head Office: Hongkong.

Authorized Capital ... \$50,000,000

Reserve Funds ... \$30,000,000

Net Assets ... \$4,500,000

Share ... \$24,500,000

Reserve Liability of ... \$30,000,000

Proprietors ...

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS:

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## THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:—

No. 10 Des Voeux Road Central.

Established 1919.

Authorized Capital ... \$10,000,000

Reserve Funds ... \$5,000,000

Net Assets ... \$5,000,000

Share ... \$5,000,000

Reserve Liability of ... \$5,000,000

Proprietors ...

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